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# WAR OR PEACE?

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The NSL has shouldered arms in a war that could undo much of the progress made by Australia's national team in the recent international series.

The NSL says that in future, it will demand that it be paid a fee for the use of its players in the national team.

The league is angry that it has not received a \$240,000 sponsorship payment it had expected from West Nally Ltd., via ASF Marketing Ltd.

ASF Marketing's director, Peter Sheehan, says no fee is payable because the ASF did not sign a sponsorship contract, because it objected to certain clauses.

You have to sympathise with the league over its financial losses during the international series, but surely a solution can be worked out between NSL and Marketing officials.

In hindsight, the international series probably was too long. It required the NSL clubs to go for four weeks without income, and the high admission costs perhaps restricted attendances.

It must be said however, that the series put soccer into the public spotlight much more effectively than any other promotion since the 1973 World Cup qualifying series.

The NSL argument is that the ASF should have organised the series on its own.

However, the argument doesn't stand up in the light of the reluctance by many States to lay out the necessary cash for international matches in the past.

Certainly, the ASF and the States would not have taken the risk of staging the recent world series.

Peter Sheehan did take the risk, and the game itself was given priceless publicity through major newspapers, on television and on radio.

Through this publicity, many soccer fans have become household names. Much more glamor is attached to the sport now in the eyes of the Australian sports freaks.

It remains to be seen, of course, whether it all rubs off on club soccer.

If it doesn't, well, we really

haven't lost anything — except of course the losses sustained by the NSL over the past month.

Everything has to have a beginning. This international series, if it is the start of many, can only sustain the exposure won through games against Juventus, Glasgow Rangers, Nottingham Forest, Iraklis and Manchester United.

I'm sure all concerned realise, with hindsight, that future international series should be shorter — perhaps a series of double-headers over two weekends.

And surely an arrangement can be worked out whereby the NSL gets a cut of the takings in return for the use of its players.

It's only a matter of the people concerned sitting down and facing realities. Give and take on both sides should do the trick.

In the meantime, the NSL has been plagued by rumors of its competition reverting to State-run super leagues. There's even talk that marketing interest will offer the present NSL clubs cash support if they sacrifice their own management committee and agree to play under State control.

Most of the 24 clubs, however, are adamant that they want to continue under their own steam next season, but with a different league format.

They have been asked to place their intentions in writing within the next 14 days. While the main pockets of discontent appear to be in NSW, the strong clubs like Marconi should be able to sway the others, and go the way of Victoria, Queensland, and South



Alan Davidson



Marshall Soper

Australia which all support the NSL concept.

Sydney's NSL clubs will meet today (Wednesday) to talk about plans for next year. NSL chairman Sam Pappas already has made it clear that if any clubs want to drop out, others will be invited to fill the vacancies.

League manager Steve Kamaz said he had been working on various league formats for 1985, ranging from 24 down to 12 clubs.

Back to the international series.

Alan Davidson undoubtedly was the star attraction of Frank Arok's national team. Almost everyone you talk to shares that opinion.

Marshall Soper emerged as Australia's most important forward. David Ratcliffe, playing as a man-marker, has kept everyone of his opponents scoreless in games against England, Glasgow Rangers, Nottingham Forest, Juventus, Iraklis and Manchester United.

The B team concept was useful in testing out a wide

variety of players, and has produced at least three additions to the A squad — Charlie Egan (SM-Hellas), Tony Franken (Canberra), and Jim Patikas (Sydney Olympic).

But at least two players not used in this series may yet come into Arok's squad. They are Zarko Odzakovic of Macedonia and David Lowe of Marconi. Odzakovic is in the process of trying to get permanent residency status so he will be eligible to play for Australia, and Arok still sees Lowe as a candidate for a Soccerroo mid-field position, even though he plays as striker for Marconi.

David Skeen of St. George Budapest also is likely to be added to the squad, for the world tour in November.

Barring injuries, the touring party will include most of the players who were in A squad during the recent international series. Arok wants a squad of 23 players, including three goalkeepers — Terry Greedy, Tony Franken and Tony Pezzano.

The field players certain to be selected are: Davidson, Ratcliffe, Joe Watson, Steve O'Connor, Charlie Egan, Graham Jennings, Jim Cant, Ken Murphy, John Kosmina, Marshall Soper, Charlie Egan, Frank Farina, Jim Patikas and Odzakovic if he is eligible.

The rest would come probably from among: Peter Raskopoulos, Alex Robertson, Tommy McCulloch, David Skeen, David Lowe, Steve Blair, Peter Lewis, Doug Brown, Oscar Crino, Peter Katholos, John O'Shea, Mike O'Shea and Tony Henderson.

David Mitchell's situation is up in the air. He is to return to Ranges in Scotland, and may not be able to get time off for the tour. Certainly he would be a valuable player if available.

Two players Arok definitely should consider are Tommy Cunningham of Melbourne Croatia and Gerardo Gomez of Sydney Hakoah.

Cunningham has all the qualities Arok admires — a fierce will to win, toughness, positioning ability, flair and imagination and leadership qualities. Gomez is big and strong, has a lot of skill and can play in any position on the field with equal effectiveness.

Both players deserve to be there. Let's hope they are.



Eddie Krncevic

## Krncevic back to Croatia?

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Melbourne Croatia's new coach, Tony Vrzina, has started a move to bring Eddie Krncevic back home.

Krncevic, now with the Dinamo Zagreb in Yugoslavia, was signed for Croatia by Vrzina from the Juventus juniors, and it was Vrzina who gave Krncevic his first taste of senior soccer.

"Eddie hasn't been getting a regular game with Dinamo, his mother and father want him to come home, and I'm sure that Australia's recent results will make him eager to re-establish himself in the national team," Vrzina said.

Vlado Bozinovski, the former Slavia and SM-Hellas player, who also is with Dinamo Zagreb now, is back in Melbourne at the moment, and Vrzina has been getting the low-down on Krncevic and on the availability of guest players from Dinamo and Hajduk.

Green Gully, meanwhile, expects to be joined within a fortnight by Brian Brown, the captain of Scottish First Division club Falkirk. Brown is a centre-back.

Ruter has just re-signed for FC Zurich on a one-year contract and, after a disappointing 1983-84 season, is eager to prove himself a worthwhile long term prospect to either Zurich or another major club.

Snatching a few weeks holiday at home, young Swiss-based striker Wynton Ruter, contradicting all previous statements, announced it was unlikely that he would be available for international duty when the World Cup eliminators commence in October next year.

Footcrazy J.U.S.T. will meet Melbourne Croatia and APIA will confront

## England, Italy, Yugoslavia, Greece next

By TED SIMMONS

Australia will play England in the last match of its six-week European tour which starts in November.

The match, which has been approved by the Australian Soccer Federation, follows the world-class performances by the Australian A team in the current international series.

"We have the unusual phenomena of top class clubs and nations in Europe wanting to play us and pay for the privilege," ASF commercial director Peter Sheehan said.

"There are more games than we can fit into the end-of-year tour but we intend at this stage to limit the program to matches in China, Greece, Italy, Yugoslavia and the British Isles," he said.

Sheehan said the new overseas respect and credibility for the Soccerroos had resulted from the international series in which Australia registered wins over Juventus, Glasgow Rangers and Iraklis and drew with Manchester United and Nottingham Forest.

"We started with a 10-point objective which included giving the national squads adequate overseas competition, restoring soccer's credibility and visibility in the minds of Australians, getting the best venues and taking the game around Australia instead of just Sydney and Melbourne.

"Unless the Australian team plays frequently, it doesn't get the opportunity to win and get media exposure, support and interest.

"The biggest benefit has been to the Australian players who have overcome the critics who said they wouldn't last the distance against so many tourists, and playing two games a week against four different teams."

Sheehan will fly to Europe next month to complete arrangements for the tour while ASF executive Director Brian Emery will fly to China for discussions on the three matches during the early stages of the tour after rejecting a request by Chinese authorities for an extra game.

## Franken best of B's: Thomson

Coach Eddie Thompson has nominated goalkeeper Anthony Franken as the outstanding player in his national B squad.

"Franken made some marvellous saves during the tournament and it takes a great goalkeeper to get to some of the shots people don't think he said."

"Nearly all of the players have improved out of sight in skills, control and fitness. Training together and on a near-professional basis has worked wonders as has the opportunity to train under different coaches."

"Other players who quickly come to mind are Charlie Egan, Steve Blair, and the O'Shea brothers as definite improvers."

The B team played seven games in the 18-match program but finished without a win.

They held Glasgow Rangers to two draws and lost twice to the Scottish team, kept Nottingham Forest to a scoreless draw in Sydney and finished with two draws against Iraklis.

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Fullback John O'Shea, who was the second Australian Casualty in the same match, quickly recovered from his knee injury and was used as a substitute in Melbourne.

"There will be a meeting next week between national coach Frank Arok, the other coaches and the team managers to discuss the series. I will submit a report on which players I believe are ready to play for the A team," said Thomson.

## Fawkner signs 'Molly'

Molly Meldrum gave Victorian State League club Fawkner \$500 last Sunday with which to sign Guy Bakker from Wilhelmina.

But Meldrum, a respected and successful multi-media personality, has no thoughts about emulating his pal Elton John and taking on the responsibilities of chairmanship of a soccer club.

Meldrum, a keen soccer follower, is a good friend of Fawkner winger Joe Palinkas, and has been made an honorary member of the club.



Kevin Lloyd of Juventus shepherds Heidelberg's Ian Martin from the left during a match.

## NZ could beat Roos'

Glasgow Rangers manager Jock Wallace had words of encouragement for New Zealand, just after his team completed the Australasian leg of its world tour in Auckland.

He said: "The New Zealand eleven gave us our best game since we left home. The Aussies were very defensive and aggressive, they kicked lumps out of my players. If New Zealand played Australia next week, I would fancy your chances."

Shortly after Wallace's words had boosted Kiwi morale in Auckland, news came from Wellington which quickly deflated it.

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The New Zealand Football Association's financial problems (they are currently \$72,000 in debt) have been compounded by the loss of a lucrative sponsorship deal with Adidas — the result of some All Whites wearing the products of other firms during recent internationals.

NZFA chairman Charlie Dempsey has emphasised that

the tour would only take place if financially feasible, therefore it is far from a certainty, even though games against Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, England B, Wales B, Watford, West Bromwich Albion, Crystal Palace, Arsenal and Northern Ireland have been provisionally arranged.

— PAUL MOON

## France-Spain on TV

Network 0-28 will telecast live via satellite Europe's most prestigious international soccer fixture, the 1984 European Championship final, between France and Spain tomorrow (Thursday) from 4 am.

Staged every four years between Europe's top soccer nations — the 1984 final being played at the Parc De Princes stadium in Paris — this competition is the European equivalent of the World Cup.

Network 0-28's Les Murray will present the live satellite telecast, joined in the studio by the resident panel of Rale Rasnic and Tony Palumbo. Edited highlights of the game can also be seen at



# PLATINI THE KING!



Michel Platini

## Alan Brazil to United

Scottish striker Alan Brazil joined Manchester United from English first division rivals Tottenham in a 700,000 sterling (\$1,092,000 Aust) move he hopes will lead to an international comeback.

Brazil, who has signed a four year contract, said: "Joining United is an excellent opportunity to re-establish myself in the Scotland team. I did not really get a good run to prove myself with Spurs."

The 25-year-old striker won the last of his 13 caps as a substitute against England 12 months ago.

Brazil's transfer comes after a choquered 16-month spell at Tottenham marked by injury and loss of form and confidence. He joined the London club from Ipswich for 450,000 sterling (\$702,000 Aust).

Brazil will link up again at United with his former Ipswich midfield team-mate, Dutchman Arnold Muehnen.

## Tournament top scorers

Leading scorers in the European championship finals:

8 — Michel Platini (France)  
3 — Frank Arnesen (Denmark)

2 — Jean-Francois Domergue (France), Preben Elkjaer (Denmark), Rui Jordao (Portugal), Antonio Maceda (Spain), Rudi Voller (West Germany).

France survived near eclipse by Portugal in the dramatic European championship semi-final but is sure to shine again in tomorrow's (Thursday) final against Spain.

Portugal, worthy heir of Eusebio's famous World Cup team of 1966, was just six minutes of extra time away from pulling off the biggest upset of the tournament. Then France struck twice to clinch a 3-2 victory in a two-hour thriller.

Michael Platini's 119th-minute winner — his eighth goal in four matches — gave the match its last dramatic twist. But the game would have been beyond the rescue even of the great French master if his unsung team-mate Jean-Francois Domergue had not netted two earlier goals to celebrate his 27th birthday.

"Tonight we came back from hell. When Portugal scored in extra time I thought our dream of reaching the final was shattered. I really thought it was my last game."

French manager Michel Hidalgo said.

Spain beat Denmark 5-4 on penalties in semi-final in Lyons.

The Spaniards, trailing to a seventh minute goal by Denmark's Soren Lerby, battled back to equalise through Antonio Maceda in the 67th minute. The score was still 1-1 at the end of normal time and 30 minutes extra time produced no further goals.

In the penalty shoot-out, the first four players of each team scored. But then Denmark's Preben Elkjaer hoisted his shot wide and substitute Manuel Sarabia clinched victory for Spain by converting his attempt.

Denmark — scored: Kenneth Brylle, Jesper Olsen, Michael Laudrup, Soren Lerby. Missed: Preben Elkjaer.

Spain — scored: Carlos Santillana, Juan Antonio Senor, Jose Antonio Camacho, Victor Munoz, Manuel Sarabia. Hidalgo hopes to crown his imaginative eight-year reign in the final, televised on Channel 0 from 4 am tomorrow (Thursday) before abdicating his throne.

Domergue, in the side only because first choice left back Manuel Amoros is under suspension for biting Danish substitute Jesper Olsen in the tournament opener, put France ahead with a 25th minute free-kick which fooled almost everyone in the Velodrome Stadium.

But it was Portugal who found the net 16 minutes from the end of normal time when the irrepressible Fernando Chalana floated over a cross for Jordao to head in at the right post.

Jordao, a 31-year-old veteran who has graced the national side for the past 12 years, then put Portugal in sight of victory eight minutes into extra time. He volleyed in another Chalana cross, his shot bouncing over goalkeeper Joel Bats and into the French net, to give the Portuguese a 2-1 lead. But just when it seemed the dreams of the host nation had been shattered, Domergue popped up in the penalty box to ram home his second goal in the 114th minute and make it 2-2.

France roared on with chants of "Allez les bleus", poured forward again. Jean Tigana, celebrating his birthday like Domergue, made one more foray into the box, and Platini was there, pausing for what seemed an eternity before striking the deciding goal past the admirable Bento.

It was a joyful reawakening from a recurrent nightmare as France broke the jinx which had seen them beaten in the three previous semi-finals they had contested in major tournaments in their 80-year history.

FRANCE: Joel Bats, Patrick Battistoni, Yvon Le Roux, Maxime Bossis, Jean-Francois Domergue, Luis Fernandez, Jean Tigana, Michel Platini, Alain Giresse, Bernard Lacombe (Jean-Marc Ferreri 64th min), Didier Six (Bruno Bellone 104th).

PORTUGAL: Manuel Bento, Joao Pinto, Estacio Gomes, Lima Pereira, Alvaro Magalhães, Jaime Pacheco, Antonio Frasco, Antonio Sousa (Ternandinho 63rd), Fernando Chalana, Manuel Diamantino (Fernando Gomes 46th), Rui Jordao.

# Trouble erupts as Roos beat Iraklis

By PETER DESIRA

AUSTRALIA A 2 (Kosmina 19th, Cant 83rd) IRAKLIS 0. Venue: Barton Park. Attendance: 8876. Referee: Don Campbell (SA). Cautions: Jennings, Ratcliffe (A), Pergaminos (1)

AUSTRALIA A: Greedy 8 — Davidson 9, Ratcliffe 8, Yankos 9, O'Connor 9, Jennings 8 — Raskopoulos 7 (Watson 46m 7), Murphy 9, Soper 7 (Cant 70m, 7), Mitchell 7 (Farina 46m), Kosmina 8. Coach: F. Arok.

IRAKLIS: Georgiev 8 — Zifkas 7 (Mavridis 78m), Firas 8, Pergaminos 8, Orfanidis 7 — Papaioannou 9, Xanthopoulos 7, Galatidis 7 — Adamou 7 (Mitosevic 78m), Hatzipanis 9, Papadopoulos 8 (Vrinios 78m). Coach: F. Rausch.

Frank Arok described this match as an anti-climax and admitted he was worried about getting the players in the right frame of mind before the game.

"If we had met them earlier in the series, I would have been supremely confident. But we hit the peak in our game against Juventus and I need to come up with something special in my team talk to ensure there are no slip-ups," Arok said two hours before the game.

Whether the coach did come up with that something special or whether his wariness was unfounded, one will never know but the Soccerroos put on another creditable performance to record their third victory in the series.

Iraklis took long time to settle into its rhythm and did not test Terry Greedy until the 28th minute.

But they hit their straps once Vasil Hatzipanis switched from central striker to midfield.

Hatzipanis' deft touches and Lakis Papaioannou's work rate created problems and openings in the Australian defence and Terry Greedy then had to be at his best to preserve the lead the Soccerroos gained after only 19 minutes.

Man of the Match:  
**KEN MURPHY**  
(Australia A)

through ball. Babis Xanthopoulos immediately squared up to Ratcliffe but was pushed on the back by Steve O'Connor.

That brought most of the players — and an enraged spectator who jumped the fence — scurrying to the one spot and there were pushes and shoves galore before referee Don Campbell managed to restore order about a minute later.

Campbell made a number of dubious decisions immediately after the restart which upset the already hostile crowd to the extent that cans started being thrown from supporters in the stand.

One of the missiles hit Arok on the back of the head but he shrugged off the incident and continued to orchestrate the soccerroos from the touchline.

The coach made two changes at half time and a third in the 78th minute, bringing on Jim Cant in place of striker Soper in a bid to regain control of midfield.

By that time Greedy had pulled off the save of the match, diving full-length to get a hand to a Papaioannou free kick but his first real test came in the 35th minute when he went down well to stop a scorching shot from Dimitrios Adamou after the winger had been put through by Papaioannou.

Trouble erupted three minutes from half time when Ratcliffe unceremoniously brought down Adamson who was again racing clear onto a Daniel Papadopoulos

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The midfielder made a short run down the middle and fired a shot which took a deflection off Eyris Pergaminos to deceive Georgiev and trickle over the line.



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**'I like to win fairly. There's no joy for me if I have to cheat to win....'**

By **STEPHEN DETTRE**

It seems somewhat appropriate that strapping Soccer defender David Ratcliffe's occupation is a steel-fixer.

It's just the sort of job you'd pick for the 27-year-old centre-back; fixing giant steel beams to form the skeleton of buildings.

His defensive abilities are well documented, having done such tremendous jobs in the past year with the Australian team, marking players such as England's Trevor Francis and Italy's Paolo Rossi.

Both his club team, St George, and Australia — both coached by Frank Arok — rely heavily on Ratcliffe's defensive skills and ability to turn defence into attack with superb long passes.

He truly is the team's "fixer" — linking defence and attack.

Despite his fierce competitive nature he would never be described as "dirty" and in fact received unbounded praise from both Francis and Rossi for being "tough, and persistent, but clean."

"I like to win" was how Ratcliffe summed up his philosophy.

"And I like to win fairly. There's no joy for me if I have to cheat to win, so I do my utmost to win every challenge cleanly."

He said the Australian team's excellent showings over the last month were largely due to the squad living as professionals.

"We can concentrate on playing football and can gear ourselves up to playing," he said.

"It makes it very hard for us when we're playing club football and we have to go to training after putting in eight hours a day at work."

"It's been quite a thrill just being able to get on with the job of playing soccer."

He said the defence had been planned extremely well by Arok so that there was a set delegation of tasks for each member.

"People think, 'Oh, well, with five at the back it must get pretty crowded'," Ratcliffe said.

"But we all know what we have to do."

He said it was wrong to assume Australia played with five defensive-minded players at the back.

"We may be defenders, but we're part of the team and we all like scoring," Ratcliffe said.

"The two backs — Davidson and Jennings — spend a lot of the match going forward, and when we need to defend, well, we have 11 defenders."

"That's the modern game."

Ratcliffe said it had taken the current series for the Soccerros to shake off the defensive tag they had been labelled with after the three-match series against England in 1982.

"During those matches we had a right to be a little scared of the England team," he said.

"We'd never played together before as a unit, and England... well, they still are a powerful soccer nation, so we were a little nervous against them."

"But now the side has grown in confidence and has become tremendously organised, and I think it showed last weekend against Juventus, the way we went forward and tried to score as many goals as possible."

He said the fact that the defenders had scored more goals than the strikers was in no way a reflection on the strikers' skill.

"To be fair, those blokes have been coping a lot from opposing defenders, and they've probably created room for myself and Steve O'Connor to come through and score."

"There's a friendly rivalry between defence and attack, but when a goal is scored, we don't care... everyone's seen the way we all celebrate."

He said the players themselves had lasted so well so long because they were able to spend as much time as possible working on clearing up niggling injuries.

"As soon as a match is over you can work on a twisted ankle or a sore shin because you don't have the worry of, 'Oh, I've got to go to work tomorrow, hanging over your head.'"

"You can spend as long as you want to, trying to clear the problem up."

"When you've got to go to work on a Monday though, you often let things slip and

so a problem that might ordinarily only take a few days to clear up could drag on for a week or so."

Ratcliffe said he was luckier than most players because he was self-employed in his steel-fixing business.

"I've got two partners so when I need time off for something like this series, it's easier for me than a lot of the other blokes," he said.

But it all boils down to commitment I suppose.

"I won't have another chance to play in a World Cup, so I'm grabbing my chance with both hands."

"I've got the sort of job where I can make that decision, but some of the others could be pretty torn between whether to honour job obligations or choose soccer," he said.

Ratcliffe said he knew performances during the current tournament would count for little if, for the remainder of the season, his form dropped off.

"Frank has said unless people can show him they can perform consistently he doesn't want them in his team," Ratcliffe said.

"I suppose there'll be a lot expected from us during the rest of the NSL season."

"But as long as we maintain our general form I think that's all Frank is asking of us."

Ratcliffe said he was looking forward to playing some World Cup matches in Australia.

"During the current series it's virtually been like playing away from home most of the time, with the crowds chanting for our opponents."

# Ratcliffe—the Soccerros' man of steel

"In Melbourne against Juventus it was like being in Rome, with all the red, white and green flags. We had to look carefully for the green and gold."

He said the first time the side had heard any noticeable chanting for Australia was at the SCG.

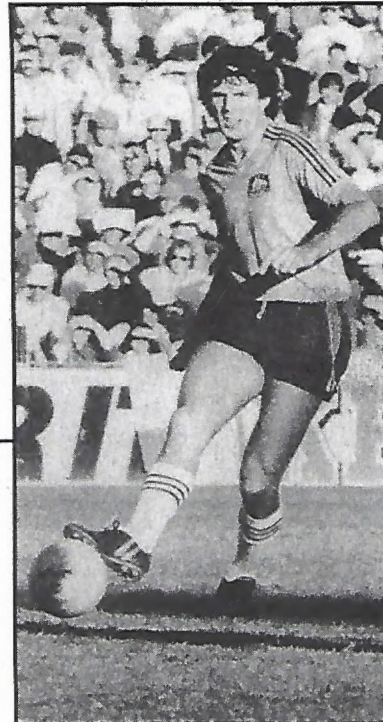
"We heard some chanting during the second half, but at the SCG it's pretty hard to hear anything from the supporters as they are so far away."

"If we had a choice, I think the players would never pick the SCG or MCG as venues, but we just do as we're told and play where they want, where they want."

"During the World Cup though, I expect we'll get better support."

"Believe me, you can hear the kicks and strains and sweat a lot better when you hear your supporters behind you."

"I think that's what we're all looking forward to."



David Ratcliffe — a fearsome competitor in a green and gold strip. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

# Adamou, Hatzipanagis classy against tired Australians

By **LAURIE SCHWAB**

**AUSTRALIA A 1 (Raskopoulos 84th), IRAKLIS 3 (Mitosevic 49th, Ratcliffe own goal 25th, Galatidis 81st) at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide. Crowd about 4500. Referee: Mike Browning 4. Cautions: Hatzipanagis, McCulloch, O'Connor.**

**AUSTRALIA: Pezzano 7, Yankos 7, Davidson 8, Ratcliffe 7, O'Connor 7, Cant 6, Watson 6 (Farina 7, half time), McCulloch 7, Raskopoulos 7 — Kosmina 6, Mitchell 8. Coach: Frank Arok.**

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Australia A, the star team of the world series, was pushed into the background by Iraklis as the Greeks displayed their superior ball skill at Hindmarsh Stadium in the last match of the four-week programme.

To the delight of the Greek fans, Vasilis Hatzipanagis put on another first-class performance, darting all over the field and playing some inspired passes — the most breathtaking being a 30-metre ball to Dimitrios Adamou on the right wing.

Adamou actually outshone Hatzipanagis.

Only 19, Adamou showed all the qualities that have made him a Greek under 23 international and a near certainty for the Greek A team in the not too distant future.

He offered himself for every ball in attack — and his speed enabled him to get to most of

**Man of the Match:**  
**DIMITRIOS ADAMO**  
*(Iraklis)*

Alan Davidson, although a shade below his best, still maintained a high level of skill and endeavour, and David Mitchell did not stop fighting in attack.

But Australia failed to recover as well as Iraklis from their match in Sydney the previous night, and team unity was affected by the four changes made by coach Frank Arok.

Tony Pezzano was in goal ahead of Terry Greedy. Jim Cant took Graham Jennings' left back position, and Joe Watson and Tommy McCulloch replaced Ken Murphy and Marshall Soper.

This resulted in Australia playing with only two strikers instead of the three it had used previously.

Arok did this to try to restrict space in midfield, where Iraklis had been so damaging the previous night.

But it backfired. Australia's midfielders, without sufficient targets upfield, found the ball rebounding every time they played it forward, resulting in an endless battle as they tried unsuccessfully to deny Iraklis the ball.

Pezano prevented Iraklis from taking the lead as early as the first minute by saving a powerful drive from Papaioannou who had pounced on a ball missed by McCulloch.

Steve O'Connor was marking Dusan Mitosevic and Ratcliffe tagged Adamou, but Hatzipanagis, roaming all over the place, did not have a direct opponent.

Davidson provided the Australians with a surge of adrenalin in the 7th minute as he outplayed Galatidis and Adamou in the left-hand corner, coming away with the ball and leaving the two Greeks confused and embarrassed in his wake, but overall, it was obvious that the Soccerros were not playing well.

George Orfanidis, who had been involved in the incident during which Richard Maranda was injured in Brisbane, figured in another flash of fire as he raised his foot in a head-high challenge on John Kosmina. As the free kick was awarded against him, Orfanidis waved his finger threateningly in Kosmina's face.

It wasn't until the 15th minute that Australia had its first shot at goal. It came from Peter Raskopoulos at long-range. Raskopoulos wasn't playing well in this first half, but improved greatly after the interval.

There was uproar as Iraklis claimed a penalty over a clash between Charlie Yankos and

Mitosevic in the 18th minute. Hatzipanagis complained so bitterly to referee Mike Browning that was shown the yellow card. Hatzipanagis grabbed Browning's arm and dragged it down as the referee held up the card — a deed which, in any club game, would have resulted in his expulsion. Yankos, asked about the incident afterwards, said he and Mitosevic simply had collided and the fault lay on neither side.

O'Connor cleared off the line in a flurry of Iraklis action in the 34th minute, and seconds later, Pezzano made a reflex save. McCulloch was shown the yellow card for bringing down Hatzipanagis, and Iraklis centre back Eyris Pergaminos almost scored an own goal when he deflected a high ball with his head.

It was obvious that Australia needed more possibilities in attack, so at half time, Arok replaced midfielder Watson with striker Frank Farina.

Before Farina could make his mark, however, Iraklis took the lead. Jim Cant, unable to reach a high ball with his foot, looked towards the linesman and claimed offside, and Mitosevic had all the room in the world to turn and slam the ball into the net. The Australian defenders continued to claim the move had been offside, but referee Browning allowed the goal to stand.

Typical of this Australian team, it fought back with gusto. Farina cut in a square shot and goalkeeper Georgiev hurt himself as he went down to it. Farina latched onto it again but belted it too high and Kosmina and Orfanidis again exchanged heated words.

Mitchell picked up a defensive clearance from Xanthopoulos and shot too high. Then came Australia's finest passage of play, as the Soccerros strung together 21 uninterrupted passes with Davidson most instrumental in maintaining the build-up, until Xanthopoulos finally cleared with a header.

Daniel Papadopoulos, who had scored in the 1-1 draw with Australia B in Melbourne, replaced Papaioannou in the 62nd minute, giving Iraklis more bite in attack.

It was 13 minutes later that Iraklis increased its lead, thanks to David Ratcliffe, who, in trying to clear, mis-kicked and sent the ball over the head of Pezzano, into the net.

Another change saw Mavrodoulakis replacing Orfanidis, and with nine minutes to go, Iraklis made the score 3-0. Hatzipanagis played a free kick from the right wing to the far post where Michael Galatidis beat Davidson to head it into the net.

Still the Soccerros' fighting spirit shone through. Davidson passed to McCulloch and he

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# Leaders in vital clashes

By LAURIE SCHWAB

## Youth leagues

**NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE** Cup Rd 5: Group A: St George 2, Blacktown 0, Sydney Olympic 0, Syd. Croatia 0, Canberra 6. Penrith 0. Group B: Newcastle 1, Melita Eagles 1, APIA-Leichhardt 3, Marconi 2, Sydney City 9, Wollongong 1. Final Group A: Croatia 7, Canberra 5, Olympic 5, St George 5, Blacktown 5, Penrith 3. Group B: Marconi 7, Newcastle 7, Sydney City 5, Melita Eagles 5, APIA-Leichhardt 3, Wollongong 3.

VICTORIAN YOUTH LEAGUE					
	W	D	L	F	A P T
SM-Hellas.....	9	1	1	34	10 19
Heidelberg.....	8	1	2	34	8 17
Footsc. JUST.....	8	1	1	28	10 17
Wentworth.....	6	2	3	20	17 14
Melb Croatia.....	5	1	3	15	12 11
Green Gully.....	4	2	5	20	14 10
Sun George Cross.....	3	4	3	15	15 10
Nano City.....	4	1	5	13	27 9
Makedonia.....	2	4	3	12	14 8
Melb. Falcons.....	1	2	8	8	21 4
Frank's Pines.....	1	1	8	15	28 3
Knox City.....	0	2	9	6	44 2

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  - Ward (J), D. MacLaren (GC), Brogan (Melb Cr)

Goalkeeper Bill Londo, 20, will be given a baptism of fire when he replaces injured Alex McPherson in Melita Eagles' revenge match against Sydney City Hakoah, and Mike Petersen will join in-form Paul Tzintzis on Heidelberg-Alexander's forward line against SM-Hellas at the Olympic Village on Sunday in the two top matches of the week.

McPherson played for 75 minutes with a broken wrist in Melita's 0-2 loss to Hakoah last Sunday, so his place goes to Londo, who was in Sydney Olympic's youth team last season and now is on loan to the Eagles.

Ray Farrugia and Silvio Emanuele meanwhile, are still out of action with foot injuries, and Wayne Farnsworth may have to have a ligament operation.

Hakoah played without Soccer defender Steve O'Connor last Sunday, but he should recover from injury in time to play in the revenge match.

Hellas, with all its internationalists back, is at full strength and has to beat Heidelberg to climb closer to National Conference leadership.

Heidelberg, two points clear at the top, again will miss strikers Scott Patterson and Steve Winn who will serve the second and final week of their suspension, so Mike Petersen will be drafted into the attack, alongside Tzintzis who starred

against Juventus last week, and Mike Valentine.

Steve Marley also is likely to miss out due to injury. Heidelberg coach Brian Garvey again is likely to use two stoppers — Don Macleod and Joe Angele — to mark Hellas strikers Doug Brown and Charlie Egan. John Garibelson is likely to be at left back.

It should be close with a draw being the likely result.

The four-week break in the competition was a blessing in disguise for Marconi, as it gave Peter Sharpe and Jovan Djordjevic time to recover from injuries. Martin Drene, a 17-year-old striker from the Moorebank Juniors, is shaping as a valuable back-up player for Marconi, but its match against improving Sydney Croatia is likely to be a tight one, and once again, the result looks like a draw.

APIA-Leichhardt, boasting one of the best-balanced sides in the league, looks set for an easy victory against Wollongong, and perhaps FH Botolph will give young Carlo Spina a run.

Dragan Lacmanovic, the former Red Star forward who joined Footscray J.U.S.T. from Galenika in Yugoslavia, had a brilliant match against Green Gully last week, and looks like being the key player against Makedonia at Schintler Reserve.

Makedonia is reported to have put out feelers for former West Adelaide striker Paul

Wormley, now playing in Perth — perhaps because it has been unable to put away its scoring chances. Lack of finishing power contributing to its loss to Melbourne Croatia last weekend, and with J.U.S.T. eager to make a bid for the top five, Makedonia probably will be thankful for a draw, especially since Vlatko Belle, Gary McDowell, Dennis Boland, Kyri Kyriakoulas and Igor Hazabent are playing so well under Cedo Cirivcic's guidance at J.U.S.T.

Adelaide City Juventus has yet another Italian guest player, Cristiano Tassi, but all the changes make the team look a bit disjointed, so I favor West Adelaide Hellas to win the big South Australian derby.

Penrith, set for a victory over Blacktown, had the misfortune of seeing Ian Wetherston miss a penalty against Marconi last Sunday, but with Randall Easthorpe starring in attack, Penrith should make amends this time.

Frank Pimblett of Brisbane City and Steve Maxwell of Adelaide Juventus both were sent off last Sunday, so they will miss this week's matches.

Brisbane City, despite Pimblett's absence, looks too strong in defence for Brisbane

Lions, and should gain the points here.

John Dowie, sent off against Heidelberg, will miss Juventus' clash with Melbourne Croatia, which is back in the top five after last Sunday's victory over Makedonia. With Harry Hird, Richard Miranda and Vince Bannan also missing, I fear Juventus is doomed to its fourth successive league defeat, especially since Tommy Cumming, David Brogan, Josip Biskic and Sean Porteous are playing so well for Croatia.

Green Gully, which expects to be joined soon by defender Brian Brown, captain of Scottish club Falkirk, looks good for a win against Sunshine-George Cross in the all-Maltese derby at Green Gully Reserve.

Another big clash in Sydney sees St George Budapest, with Pedre Ricey and Andrew Kocay, a fine team, taking on Sydney Olympic at St. George Stadium. Here's another likely draw, as neither team will want to give even an inch to potentially lethal strikers Dez Martin, Robbie Slater, Marshall Soper and Peter Katholos.

Canberra Arrows thrashed Newcastle-Rosebud 4-0 away last Saturday, so it should have little trouble against the same team at home on Sunday, with Frank Farina back in the team.

## Bradley, Kosmina take clear lead

John Bradley of APIA is the clear leader in our Boral Bricks \$1500 player of the year award after being voted man of the match last Sunday.

John Kosmina has moved into second position, ahead of Tony Franken, and is also out right leader in the \$1000 Boral Bricks top scorer award, with a total of 13. Leadings vote-getters: 52. Bradley (APIA), 41. Kosmina (SC), 40. Franken (Can), 36. P. Tredinnick (APIA), 35. Wade (GG), 34. Yankos (H'berg), 33. McPherson (ME), Wetherston (Pen), 31. Jackson (BL), O'Reilly (GC), Farina (Can), McIntosh (Pen), 30. Bromfield (BC), 29. Murphy (SM), Katholos (SO), Wishart (BC), McMillan (Mak), 28. Melita (AC), 27. Biskic (Melb Cr), Hoare (Black), 25. Liddell (BC), Mullen

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### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER.....	7	3	3	24	17	15
B.U. JUVENTUS.....	7	1	5	18	22	15
SM-HELLAS.....	6	2	5	16	11	14
MAKEDONIA.....	5	4	4	20	16	14
MELBOURNE CROATIA.....	5	4	4	18	20	14
Brisbane City.....	5	3	5	11	14	13
W. Adelaide Hellas.....	5	2	6	22	22	12
Footscray JUST.....	4	3	7	11	16	11
Adelaide C. Juventus.....	4	2	7	13	14	10
Brisbane Lions.....	3	4	6	15	20	10
Green Gully.....	3	4	6	11	17	10
Sun. George Cross.....	2	2	9	8	29	6

### AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SYDNEY C. HAKOAH.....	9	3	1	36	9	21
SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....	6	5	2	25	13	17
MELITA EAGLES.....	6	5	2	14	11	17
APIA.....	6	4	3	20	15	16
BLACKTOWN.....	6	3	4	19	21	15
Marconi.....	6	2	5	29	14	14
St. G. Budapest.....	5	4	4	17	14	14
Canberra.....	6	0	7	27	19	12
Sydney Croatia.....	4	4	5	16	22	12
Penrith.....	4	4	5	18	23	12
Newcastle Rosebud.....	5	1	8	16	29	11
Wollongong.....	2	3	8	10	26	7

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## NATIONAL CONFERENCE

**MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (Antolovic 43m) PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0** at Olympic Park. Crowd: 3000 estimate. Ratings by Peter Desira.

MELB. Croatia: Blasby 7, Deankovic 6 (Lewis 86th), Curcio 6, Parton 7, Hannah 7, Antolovic 7, Cumming 9, Gojevic 8, Biskic 8, Markovic 8 (Campbell 88th), Brogan 7. Coach: Tony Vrzina. PRESTON Makedonia: Porter 7, Opsitina 8, McMillan 8, Dobson 7 (Boleski 76th), Dunn 8, Petrovski 6, Iloski 6, Odrakov 8, Heys 8, Cole 6, Lucchesi 6 (Kotevski 46m). Coach: Peter Ollerton. Best six for Boral Bricks best Player award: 6. Cumming (MC), 5. Biskic (MC), 4. Odrakov (PM), 3. Heys (PM), 2. Dunn (PM), 1. Markovic (MC).

**BRISBANE LIONS 4 (Cairney 13th, 16th, 54th, Daunt 61st) SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 2 (R. MacLaren 38th penalty, D. MacLaren 80th)** at Richlands. Crowd: about 900. Ratings by Rocky Rosso.

LIONS: Farrow 8, Jackson 7, Charlton 8, Vasquez 8, Niven 7, R. Stewart 7, J. Stewart 7, Ogden 8, McDonagh 7, Daunt 7, Cairney 9. Coach: Harry Noon. SUNSHINE GC: Centini 5, Bennett 7, O'Reilly 7, Richardson 6, Taylor 6 (Campbell 77th), Jovanovic 6 (De Luca 74th), McGorran 8, R. MacLaren 7, Toal 6, D. MacLaren 7, Bain 6. Coach: Billy Wilkinson. Best six for Boral Bricks best Player award: 6. Cairney (Lions), 5. Vasquez (Lions), 4. Charlton (Lions), 3. McGorran (SGC), 2. R. MacLaren (SGC), 1. Farrow (Lions).

**FOOTSCRAY JUST 1 (Belic 64th) GREEN GULLY 0.** Crowd: 1000, at Schintler Reserve. Ratings by Ken Konitica.

FOOTSCRAY JUST: Boland 7 — Curvic 6, McDowell 8, Hazabent 8, Kyriakoulas 8 — Carroll 8, Karic 7, O'Donnell 7, Belic 7 — Lacmanovic 9 (Caban 90th), Lujic 7. Coach: Cedo Cirivcic. GREEN GULLY: Denys 8 — McLelland 6, Cannell 8, Williams 7, Hogen 7 — Smallman 6, Wade 8, Smart 7, Carter 5 — Lewis 5, McGuinness 5. Coach: Jimmy Rooney. Best six for Boral Bricks best Player award: 6. Lacmanovic (JUST), 5. Hazabent (JUST), 4. Wade (GG), 3. Kyriakoulas (JUST), 2. Cannell (GG), 1. Carroll (JUST).

**BRISBANE CITY 2 (Mengotti 25, Hamilton 90) ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 1 (Villani 50),** at Olympic Sports Field. Ratings by Frank Pangallo.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 7 — Fabrizio 7, Bromfield 7, Milovanovic 7, Liddell 7 — Falco 7 (Higgins 62), Pimblett 7, Swan 7, Mengotti 7 — Glockner 7, Hamilton 7. Coach: Joe Gilroy. ADELAIDE JUVENTUS: McAlister 7 — Cecere 7, Nyakohous 7, Flounders 7, Tobin 7 — Melita 8, Scarpa 7, Villani 7, Maxwell 6 — Tallierico 6 (Gatenby 30, 6) Mullen 7. Coach: Edmond Kraft. Best six for Boral Bricks best Player award: 6. Melita, 5. Milovanovic, 4. Liddell, 3. Tobin, 2. Cecere, 1. Fabrizio.

**SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (Brown 5th, Murphy 7th) WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (Stamatopoulos 88th)** at Olympic Sports Field. Ratings by Frank Pangallo.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Laumeta 7 — Russell 7, Blair 7, Kallitidis 7, Zvendom 7 — Halford 7, Crino 8, Davidson 8, Murphy 8 (Klivos 58) — Egan 8, Brown 7. Coach: Len McKenry. WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Sproul 8 — McGregor 6, McGachey 6, Honeyman 6, Papadogiorgos 6 (Brown 45, 46) — Atsalas 6, Manou 7, Panagis 6, Papadogiorgos 6 (Stamatopoulos 75) — Konstandopoulos 6, Malavazos 6. Coach: Sam Salabasidis. Best six for Boral Bricks best Player award: 6. Crino, 5. Davidson, 4. Murphy, 3. Egan, 2. Sproul, 1. Manou.

**HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 3 (Yankos pen. 14th, Tzintzis 44th, Peterson 90th) BRUNSWICK-JUVENTUS 0** at Olympic Village. Crowd about 5000. Ratings by Laurie Schwab.

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER: Oliver 8 — Yankos 9 — McKie 9, Macleod 8, Gabrielson 8, Marley 8 (Metaxas 75th) — Angele 6, Selemdis 7, Salvo (Peterson 8, 40th) — Tzintzis 9, Valentine 8. Coach: Brian Garvey. JUVENTUS: Keogh 8 — Geremia 8, Dowie 8 (sent off 66th), Rogers 7, Campbell 8 — Cullen 8, Lloyd 9, Swincoe 8 — Sweeney 6, Ward 8, Zinni 7. Coach: John Margaritis. Best six for Boral Bricks best Player award: 6. Tzintzis (H), 5. Lloyd (J), 4. McKie (H), 3. Yankos (H), 2. Swincoe (J), 1. Campbell (J).

## AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

**WOLLONGONG 0 SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (Arnold)** at Wollongong Showground. Crowd 1400. Ratings by Philip Mitchell.

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff 7, Green 6, Fleming 5, Vlietstra 6, Hrtovski 5, Willis 5, Bundo 6, O'Conran 6 (Canvin 75th), Kotamanidis 5, Dickson 6, Fontana 5. CROATIA: Watson 7, Woods 6, Sterrey 6, Drinkwater 6, Tomasic 6, Kovacic 6 (Meades 80th), Boden 7 (Godzic 64th), Savor 6, Clinch 6, Arnold 6, Rezo 6. Best six for Boral Bricks best Player award: 4. Watson 3, Kovacic, 2. Vlietstra, 1. Sterrey.

**MARCONI 2 (Lowe 39th, Jankovics 47th) PENRITH 1 (Cotton 50th)** at Marconi Stadium. Crowd 811. Ratings by Alex Vessic.

MARCONI: James 7 (Mariani 46th - 7) — Carter 6, Henderson 8, Calderin 5, Rizzotto 6 — McCulloch 6, Jankovics 6, Mason 6 — Lowe 8, Brown 5, Sharpe 5. Coach: Jimmy Rooney. PENRITH: Gibson 6, Brogan 6, McIntosh 9, Cross 6, Hale 6, Fitzharris 7, Wetherston 6, Campbell 8, Cotton 7, Easthorpe 5 (Hunter 66th), Jackson 7. Best six for the Boral Bricks Player of the year award: 6. Henderson, 5. Campbell, 4. McIntosh, 3. Lowe, 2. Jackson, 1. Fitzharris.

**ST GEORGE BUDAPEST 4 (Barton 28th, Batten 35th, Koczka 38th & 86th) BLACKTOWN CITY 0** at St George Stadium. Ratings by George Streeter.

ST GEORGE: Greedy 7, Skaen 7, Ratcliffe 8, M. O'Shea 7, Ricer 7 (Petkovski 62nd), Barton 8, Stone 8, J. O'Shea 8, Koczka 8, Slater 9, Batten 8. Coach: Frank Arko. BLACKTOWN CITY: Hoare 6, Wheatley 7, Dunleavy 6, Pointer 6, Shaw 5 (Quarby 46m-5), Selvaige 7, McLaughlin 6, Byrne 6, Sandy 6 (Wellbourne 62nd-5), Larkin 7, Mountford 5. Coach: Casey De Bruin. Best six for the Boral Bricks Player of the year award: 6. Slater, 5. Koczka, 4. Barton, 3. Ratcliffe, 2. J. O'Shea, 1. Batten (All St George).

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (C. Kalantzis 78th) APIA LEIGH-HARDT 1 (J. Bradley 6th)** at Pratten Park, crowd 4029. Ratings by Mick Mikolajczyk.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: G. Meier 7, G. Haniotis 7, A. Lambropoulos 7, M. Gady 7, M. Rogers 7, G. Phillips 6 (Kassas 45th 6), P. Raskopoulos 7, J. Patikas 6, P. Kallathos 6, N. Theodorakopoulos 7, M. Soper 6 (C. Kalantzis 75th). Coach: M. Schaefer. APIA LEIGH-HARDT: B. Parkes 7, V. Bozanic 7, A. Bertogna 7, M. Pullen 7, M. Brown 7, T. Butler 7, I. Gray 8, P. Tredinnick 8, J. Bradley 8, K. Caban 7, T. Mansello 7, Coach: P. Bottalico. Boral Best Six: 6. J. Bradley (APIA), 5. P. Tredinnick (APIA), 4. Gray (APIA), 3. P. Raskopoulos (SO), 2. G. Meier (SO), 1. M. Rogers (SO).

**SC HAKOAH 2 (Kosmina 49 and 80) MELITA EAGLES 0** at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd: 2500. Ratings by Peter Scott.

HAKOAH: Pezzano 9-Cant 7 (Rodriguez 60th), Gomez 9, Robertson 8, De Marigny 7, Kay 8 (Fletcher 46, 7) Watson 7, Barnes 8, Lee 7, Kosmina 9, Murray 7. Coach: Eddie Thomson.

MELITA EAGLES: McPherson 8, McAusland 7, McGin 7, Wilson 8, Tredinnick 6, Allan 6, Davies 6 (McKie 58), Griffiths 7 — Durste 5, (McDonald 79), Jamieson 6, Johnston 6. Coach: Paul Blanco. Best six for Boral Bricks Best Player Award: 6. Kosmina, 5. Gomez, 4. Pezzano, 3. Barnes (all Hakoah), 2. Wilson (Melita), 1. Kay (Hakoah).

**NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED 0 (O) CANBERRA ARROWS 4 (2) (20th Gibson penalty 22nd Reis 89th Perinovic 90th Reis).** Crowd: 1496. At Adamstown Oval. Corwd Ratings by Joe Lanzonis.

NEWCASTLE: Gosting 7, Meier 7, Power 6, Bogaards 6, Thompson 6, Kerby 7, Senkalski 6, Brandt 7, Milosevic 6, Todd 6, (81st McQuarry 6) Jones 6, Coach Willie Gallagher. CANBERRA: Franken 7, Mihailidis 6, Redmond 7, Harkins 7, Jones 7, Hogg 8, Serranelli 7, Brockbank 7, (79th Bryant) Gibson 8, Phillips 8, Reis 8. Coach: Doug Collins (84th Perinovic). Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Reis (C.A.), 5. Gibson (C.A.), 4. Hogg (C.A.), 3. Phillips (C.A.), 2. Gosting (N), 1. Harkins (CA).



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# Bozanic misses, Kalantzis ties match

## Syd Olympic 1 APIA 1

Scorers: C. Kalantzis (SO)  
78th, J. Bradley (APIA) 6th.  
At Pratten Park  
Cautions: Petkas (SO), Ber-  
togne (A), Morello (A).  
Crowd: 4029  
Referee: Tim Davies S.

In an exciting and bruising tussle at Pratten Park Sydney Olympic showed a lot of courage to rally and snatch a point from high flying APIA.

Referee Tim Davies did well to hand out only three yellow cards as both teams played it hard, just the way their re-

spective coaches did a little more than a decade ago.

Perennial rival APIA seemed to have the young Olympians well in hand for long periods but could not turn that superiority into a decisive victory.

APIA went ahead as early as the 6th minute. Diminutive dynamo John Bradley collected Terry Butler's deft-through pass, turned into space in the penalty area and speared the ball into the net.

The early lead should have been extended in the 31st minute when striker Kerry Caban intercepted Ian Gray's shot but was brought down 10 metres from goal by diving Gary Meier's outstretched hand.

## Mick Mikolajczyk

Vic Bozanic stepped up to the spot and smashed the ball onto the crossbar.

Olympic regained its breath but it wasn't long before it was under the hammer again.

APIA was confident and putting together many attractive moves, principally through Bradley and Trednick who

## Man of the Match: JOHN BRADLEY (APIA)

featured with their crisp and constructive interpassing.

However that vital finishing touch was lacking and the visitors proceeded to miss a successive array of chances.

Olympic on the other hand looked tired and lethargic, particularly the representative trio of Soper, Patikas and Katochos. They were noticeably affected by the gruelling

schedule of matches and their game suffered accordingly.

Gone was their sharpness, fluency and flair and sometimes tempers were easily frayed.

For the first 15 minutes of the second half Olympic came more into the game but only mustered one clear cut chance which fell to replacement striker Mark Koussas.

By the 85th minute APIA was back in control and should have gone further ahead.

Kerry Caban robbed Patikas, drew the defence and squared the ball to unmarked Bradley who watched in disbelief as his effort went wide of Meier and the goal.

As APIA was heavily committed to attack Olympic was

forced to rely on breakaways.

In the 75th minute Peter Raskopoulos engineered one such break for Marshall Soper but as the big striker raced into the clear his legs gave out and a certain goal went begging.

Three minutes later Raskopoulos again provided the telling cross into the area where replacement winger Chris Kalantzis climbed over Terry Butler to power in the equaliser.

From then on the action was frenetic as APIA pulled out all stops to regain the lead. Caban and Bozanic came close and in the last minute a calamitous chaos ensued in Meier's goal as Bradley, then Butler and finally Trednick tried to put the ball away.

Both coaches were glad to hear the final whistle.

Olympic's Manfred Schaefer was full of praise for his defenders, particularly debutee George Haniotis at right back and the smile on his face reflected his joy at salvaging one point from what looked like a bleak afternoon for his young side.

Meanwhile APIA's Fil Botalico could only ponder his side's missed chances.

"We created six great chances and couldn't win. In football anything can happen." "As for the penalty, better players have missed before."

# TZINTZIS A NEW STAR

## Heidelberg 3 Juventus 0

Scorers: Yankos pen 14th, Tzintzis 44th, Petersen 90th.  
Venue: Olympic Village.  
Crowd: about 5000.  
Referee: Sam Zoumas S.  
Cautions: Sweeney (J), Yankos (H).

Sent off: Dowie (J) 66th.

Paul Tzintzis strengthened his reputation as one of the most skilful break-aways forwards in the NSL, shouldering the responsibility of carrying Heidelberg's attack in the absence of Scott Patterson and Steve Winn who are suspended for two matches.

He was set to score in the 14th minute, when Billy Rogers' tackle resulted in a penalty converted by Charlie Yankos, and he scored the best goal of the game just before half time.

Tzintzis, signed early this year from South Oakleigh, also scored in two of Heidelberg's three National Cup matches—against Green Gully (2-1) and South Melbourne (2-0)—but he had scored only once in the league before Sunday's match.

Against South Melbourne Hellas on Sunday, he again will be relied upon for goals, but it is almost certain that Mike Petersen will help him out, as he did after coming on as a 40th minute substitute against Juventus.

Petersen had not been included in the starting line-up because illness had prevented him from training during the week. When he did come on, he added valuable height and skill to the forward line.

Juventus, playing without Vince Bannon, Harry Hird, Richard Miranda and with Fabio Incantalo still unavailable due to injury, certainly had its share of problems.

And after its recent poor run, there is little light at the end of the tunnel, for it will lose also Joe Sweeney, who is due to have an operation for kidney stones.

Juventus lost two of its three National Cup games, against Footscray JUST and



## Laurie Schwab

George Cross (although in that match, Juventus fielded its youth team), and also lost to George Cross and Makedonia in its two NSL matches before last Sunday's round.

Once three points clear at the top, Juventus dropped two points behind Heidelberg, but still holds second place.

Heidelberg coach Brian Garvey lined up with John Gabrielson and Don Macleod marking Juventus strikers Gary Ward and Joe Sweeney, and with Charlie Yankos sweeping behind them efficiently.

The full backs, particularly Ian McKie, played the attacking roles that Alan Davidson and Graham Jennings play in the national team.

Despite the convincing scoreline however, Juventus had many scoring chances, and most of the play in the first half, due to the midfield play of Rob Cullen who, unfortunately, became much less conspicuous after half time. Kevin Lloyd took over then, and put in a hard-running, gutsy performance, never giving up although fighting a losing battle.

Greek comedian Harry Klein, in Melbourne for a number of concerts, kicked off the match and there was Greek singing and dancing at half time, to the delight of the 5000 crowd.

After Yankos had scored from the penalty spot in the 14th minute, Yankos had to resort to a foul to keep out Rob Cullen who was coming through in a one-two with Andrew Zinni. Referee Sam Zoumas showed Yankos the yellow card.

Then Cullen shot narrowly past the post after skirting the defenders at the edge of the box, and Sweeney missed,

## Man of the Match: PAUL TZINTZIS (Heidelberg)

quite unbelievably, from only a metre after Zinni had played the ball square.

Kevin Swinscoe took off Marcelo Salvo in a strong run forward, and missed narrowly with his shot, just before Petersen came on to replace Salvo.

Tzintzis flashed into play with much bravado, dashing past Billy Rogers and John Dowie before squaring the ball in the direction of Mike Valentine at the far post. Goalkeeper Sean Keogh however, dived to intercept the pass before it could reach Valentine.

At the other end, Jeff Olver made a brilliant reflex save to stop a header by Gary Ward, from a corner by Swinscoe.

Juventus was well in the game, but its hopes were dashed seconds before half time. Yankos took a free kick on the right, Macleod headed it into the box, and Tzintzis, after bringing it down with his foot right in front of Keogh, turned to face the open goal and made no mistake from barely a metre.

Heidelberg started the second half with venom. McKie, after surging forward, sent a wicked, bouncing shot towards Keogh, who needed all his wits to turn it for a corner.

Keogh made another good save, this time from Valentine, who had side-stepped Rogers after a through pass from Tzintzis.

Macleod and Lloyd went down in a heavy clash on the touchline. With Macleod on his back with his feet up, and Lloyd going over him on Macleod's studs, it appeared that Lloyd would come out if feeling pretty sick. As it was however, it was Macleod who copped the worst of it, playing for the rest of the match with a bump the size of an apple at the side of his head.

Zinni, on a square pass from Lloyd, had a promising shot deflected over the bar by Olver, just before Tzintzis and Dowie clashed behind play. Referee Zoumas charged Dowie with having used his studs on Tzintzis, and sent the Juventus sweeper off the field.

Frank Geremia cleared a header from Petersen off the goal line in the 70th minute, and then Steve Marley was injured in a challenge with Rogers, and had to leave the field with a knee injury. John Metaxas came on to replace him.

Keogh made another fine save to prevent a goal by Valentine, deflecting the shot onto the post.

And in the 85th minute, Zoumas walked to the Juventus bench and ordered coach John Margaritis to leave because he was using abusive language.

Keogh was forced into action again, pouncing at the feet of Tzintzis who had run into the box, and then Petersen raced away from the half line, with Rogers chasing him.

Petersen would surely have scored, but Rogers brought him down with a professional foul from behind.

Juventus managed a late flurry with first Sweeney having a shot cleared off the line by McKie, and then Zinni hitting the crossbar.

Then, during injury time at the end of the match, Valentine sent over a corner and Petersen rose to head it in off the underside of the crossbar to make the score 3-0.



West Adelaide goalkeeper Gary Sproul thwarts SM-Hellas players Charlie Egan and John Yzendoorn. Others pictured, from left: Steve Blair, Nick Malavassos, Graham Honeyman, Chris Manou, John Papazoglou (right). Picture: FRANK HOBBS.

# Midfield in majestic form

## SM-Hellas 2 WA-Hellas 1

Scorers: SM-Hellas-Brown 5th, Murphy 7th. WA-Hellas-Stamatelopoulos 88th.  
Venue: Olympic Sportsfield.  
Cautions: Manou, Papazoglou, Atzules (WA), Yzendoorn, Hallford (SM).  
Referee: A. Martell S.

With such an imposing team and the way it opened, it certainly looked like South Melbourne Hellas would maul its young and inexperienced Adelaide counterpart.

Within seven minutes the Victorians had Westad beaten.

Doug Brown made the most of an Alan Davidson pass after a dash deep into Westad's half. Within a further two minutes the Adelaide side was in arrears by two goals when Ken Murphy slotted home a rebound after Charlie Egan had struck the far post.

South Melbourne Hellas, with far superior technical skills and understanding, simply brushed Westad aside with arrogant ease.

South made it look easy... and made Westad look second rate scrubbies.

Egan was giving the Westad defence something to chase. His penetrating runs passing and his intuitive teamwork with Doug Brown often had Westad in dire straits.

And in midfield there was a chasm between the class of Crino, Davidson and Murphy and the plodding Westad midfield combination that showed as much authority as an Athens cop in a massive traffic jam.

Westad's attack was blunt and ineffectual. It really looked like Hellas was set to go on the rampage and it was something of a surprise that the score remained at 2-0 at the break.

But South threatened to bring itself undone by its cocksure attitude.

A few incidents behind the play had fired up the locals who were constantly frustrated by South's skilled taunts.

Blair unceremoniously felled young Papadopoulos and the incident, missed by the officials, resulted in Papadopoulos having a rush of blood to the head. For the final 10 minutes or so, Konstandopoulos and some of his teammates seemed more intent on settling physical scores.

South seemed to go off the boil once Murphy had left the field nursing a bloodied and most probably broken nose. Westad, in its inarticulate

By FRANK PANGALLO

style, pushed forward late in the game and tested Laumets for the first time in the entire match just eight minutes from the whistle.

Substitute Theo Stamatelopoulos pulled one back for Westad in the 88th minute with

a sizzling 20-metre volley that left Laumets motionless.

It was Gary Sproul in the West goal who foiled what may have been a greater victory. He thwarted Brown three times in the second half, all one-on-one situations.

## Man of the Match: OSCAR CRINO (SM Hellas)

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Heidelberg star Paul Tzintzis (centre) runs into Juventus sweeper John Dowie who later was sent off. At right is Joe Angelo. Picture: LES SHORROCK.





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**Man of the Match:**  
**KEN BODEN**  
(Syd. Croatia)

## Revenge for Croatia

**Wollongong 0**  
**Syd. Croatia 1**

Scorer: Arnold  
Venue: Wollongong Show-ground  
Crowd: 1400

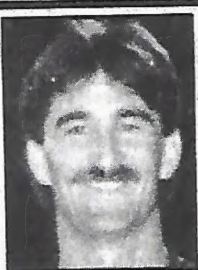
An opportunistic goal by Croatia striker Arnold midway through the second half enabled the visitors to make up for an earlier defeat against Wollongong City.

The Wolves had beaten Croatia at Dapto two months ago but were no match to the Sydneysiders this time. In a scrappy match which hardly ever rose above mediocrity, Croatia grabbed the all-important goal when Arnold was quick to get his foot to a headed pass from Savor and slip the ball into the net.

The visitors, without setting any houses on fire, were always the better side and in the first half midfielder Boden came close to scoring when his shot from close range hit the crossbar.

After the break Croatia had another chance when a free kick from Boden whistled past the upright with Vardarec Baten.

Wollongong's only chance came in the dying minutes when a first-time shot from defender Willis was turned out for a corner with difficulty by Watson.



Richard Wilson



Kenny Taylor



Jeff Faulkner

## 'Cross wants Wilson, Taylor and Faulkner

**Bris Lions 4**  
**Sunshine GC 2**

Scorers: Lions — Cairney 13th, 16th, 54th, Daunt 61st; Sunshine — R. MacLaren 38th pen, D. MacLaren 80th.  
Venue: Richlands Stadium.  
Cautions: Bennett (SCG), Daunt (L).

Referee: Bill Monteverde 8. Richard Wilson, Ken Taylor and Jeff Faulkner are the targets for Sunshine George-Cross coach Billy Wilkinson after his side was demolished by the Joe Cairney — inspired Brisbane Lions at Richlands.

Wilkinson said after his side lost 4-2 that he needed at least two of the trio and hopefully could get all three. Asked whether the club could afford to sign the three players, Wilkinson replied: "The Maltese will find the money."

Wilson, the former Preston No. 1 keeper, must be Wilkinson's prime target. With Tom Costello off the scene, the keeper's job has gone back to Alan Contini. And sadly for Sunshine, he is not in National League class.

Although he made one or two brave saves during the match, for the most part his handling was hesitant and the Lions forwards waited eagerly for the dropped ball.

And it was from a Contini mistake that Joe Cairney netted his first in a hat-trick display which ranked as his best performance since coming to Brisbane from Scotland more than two years ago.

The ball came in from the left from a Russell Stewart corner. John Charlton rose at the near post, as did Contini, but the Sunshine keeper made a mess of his attempt and the



Ricky Rosso

ball flew through his arms and fell for Cairney only a metre out.

Three minutes later Lions combined brilliantly as a team to make Sunshine-George Cross look little more than an average State League side.

Charlton, who like Cairney has found new and exciting form, dribbled out of the penalty box and passed a neat ball to the fast-breaking Steve Jackson. Jackson knocked a long ball to Calvin Daunt who drew the defence then squared a brilliantly timed pass to Cairney to race away.

O'Reilly made a valiant attempt to cut off the Lions striker, but Cairney, using his over-the-ball shuffle, wrong-footed everyone and had little trouble slotting his shot under Contini.

Three minutes later Cairney had another breakthrough, but in one of his few good saves, Contini raced off his line and smothered the shot.

Ross MacLaren put Sunshine back in the game in the 38th minute when he easily beat Lions keeper Rob Farrow with a penalty after Charlton had foolishly handled, seemingly thinking Referee Bill Monteverde was unsighted.

In injury time of the first half, Farrow made a great save to prevent the hat-trick Mick McGorran score what would have been a disastrous goal for Lions and one which

**Man of the Match:**  
**JOE CAIRNEY**  
(Bris. Lions)

could have turned the game Sunshine's way.

The first half had been an aggressive affair and the second obviously was set to continue the same. Fullback Chris Taylor was extremely lucky not to get his marching orders after clashing with Daunt. But in the end, he escaped without a caution.

Shortly after, Gerry Bennett got a yellow card for a tackle on Cairney and two minutes later the Brisbane striker answered in the best possible way when he ran onto a Daunt headkick to round Contini and score his hat-trick.

Lions put the issue beyond doubt when they scored seven minutes later and it was sheer brilliant skill from John Ogden that created the goal.

Jim McDonagh played a weak cross to the near-post but rather than give the ball up to Contini, Ogden raced in and cleverly spun it around the Sunshine keeper and into the goalmouth.

Although the ball probably would have crossed the goal-line anyway, Daunt took no chances and raced in to shuffle it into the net.

Lions seemed content to stick to their lead and complacency let Sunshine in for a last attacking burst. Farrow was brilliant in palming away a Ross MacLaren freekick from just outside the box but a minute later could only get a hand to a Don MacLaren shot which eventually found the net after hitting the upright.

## Respectfully Mr Blanco, Hakoah's just too good

**Hakoah 2**  
**Melita 0**

Scorers: Kosmina 49th and 80th.  
Referee: Richard Lorenz 7.  
Venue: Sydney Athletic Field.  
Cautions: Allan and McAusland (Melita), Barnes (Hakoah).

Melita coach Raul Blanco felt his team treated Hakoah with "too much respect" in this clash of the table toppers — and let me say right at the outset that the respect is well deserved.

No less than six of Hakoah's stars returned from Soccerro duty just the day before this fixture and were definitely feeling the worse for it.

But eight international matches over the last few weeks, including two in the Thursday and Friday prior to the Melita game, was not enough to put this team of true champions off its game.

Coach Eddie Thomson's claim after a two goal win, which could well have been a five or six goal wallop if all chances were converted, that "we have an outstanding bunch of players", is spot on.

"We'll take it easy on Tuesday night at training, then it's back to normal," he said. The Hakoah coach was particularly pleased with the verve and determination shown by his charges right up to the final whistle, long after the match was well and truly over and ignoring tired legs and, perhaps, even more tired minds.



Peter Scott

As for Blanco, he faces the awesome prospect of playing the mighty Blues again this coming Sunday, under the weird and not quite wonderful system which is this year's NSL.

"Even though we'll be at home on Sunday, it will make no difference — Hakoah is equally good anywhere," he said.

To compound his problems, goalie Alex McPherson is a very doubtful starter following a heavy clash with Hakoah skipper Murray Barnes early on.

Prior to their tussle for a loose ball, McPherson was in brilliant form, saving once from Willie Murray and on three occasions from John Kosmina, when goals looked likely.

Although the injury to McPherson's right hand was serious enough to warrant rushing him to hospital at the end of the match, the Melita custodian insisted on playing out the match.

Brave, but irresponsible, and he was extremely fortunate that Hakoah's strikers failed to test him fully in a match which they dominated for extended periods.

**Man of the Match:**  
**JOHN KOSMINA**  
(Syd. C. Hakoah)

Scoring was not opened until four minutes after the break when Fletcher rounded opponents during the course of a 40 metre sprint from half way.

His shot, low and hard, was blocked by the brave McPherson, but Kosmina showed his customary sharp anticipation to be on the spot for the rebound, which he easily put into the back of the net.

Melita had its only chance 22 minutes later when Johnston robbed Robertson 25 metres out, only to see his well-placed shot gloriously saved by Tony Pezzano.

With ten minutes left, Barnes intercepted a loose ball on the halfway line, immediately lofting it on to Kosmina. The Soccerro skipper easily outpaced the Melita defence and calmly shot into the left corner of the goal.

Hakoah did have some casualties. Paul Kay and Jim Cant both leaving the game before the end, the former with a leg injury and the latter with a pulled muscle in his back.

They have a week to heal and Steve O'Connor, resting last Sunday, also will be on call.

As for Melita, rookie Goalie Bill Landos will fill in for McPherson, who is not expected to recover in time.

## Melita stakes Soccerro claim

By FRANK PANGALLO

**Bris. City 2**  
**Ad Juventus 1**

Scorers: Mengotti 25th, Hamilton 90th (BC); Villani 50th (AC).  
Venue: Olympic Sportsfield.  
Send Offs: Pimblett (BC)

Maxwell (AC) Brownfield (BC) Glickner (BC), Mullen (AC)

Referee: J. Rossis 5. Adelaide City Juventus let another game slip through its grasp.

After clawing itself back into the game and dominating a sloppy second half, Juve saw at least one point disappear through a defensive lapse in the last seconds of the game.

Things had looked grim for Brisbane City, which had taken the lead midway through the first half when a shot by Frank Mengotti slipped through the fingers of the Juve keeper, McNally.

Despite its good first half showing, it couldn't contain Sergio Melita's midfield dominance and within five minutes of the restart, chubby Charley Villani had levelled the scores.

Juve's Italian import Nello Scarpa, after a quiet first half, added his creative flair and striker Joe Mullen looked in a menacing mood.

Then Brisbane lost Frank

Pimblett, the recipient of a nasty red card after a late but hardly spiteful challenge on the rugged Buggy Nyskohous.

The game looked headed for a draw when referee Jim Rossis showed Maxwell the way to an early shower after the Juve midfielder made a pointed criticism, furnished with one or two expletives.

On one of its rare breaks, Brisbane seized upon a defensive lapse when Hamilton burst into the area to slip a loose ball wide of McNally.

Juve coach Edmund Kreft blasted his players after the game and pointed out the many more chances his team had created.

That's been a most familiar post-mortem of late but Juve and Kreft have done little to

**Man of the Match:**  
**SERGE MELTA**  
(Ad. Juventus)

rectify the poor finishing or lack of shooting power from outside the area.

The positive aspect was Sergio Melita's sparkling form in conditions which really didn't suit the kind of skills he possesses.

Now all he needs to do is convince the national coach that he is indeed worthy of a place in the Australian squad. He couldn't do much worse than some already given a chance in both "A" and "B" squads.

## Warren and O/28 kick off new series

By PETER WINDSOR

The Special Broadcasting Service — operator of the O-28 television network in Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra — is about to produce fourteen 15-minute videos covering all facets of the game — from beginners to top coaching techniques.

And they will be shown in prime television time on "On the Ball" each Monday and Tuesday evening.

The series has been negotiated with O-28 by well-known soccer personality, Johnny Warren, the Australian Institute of Sport and Charlie Perkins, president of Canberra Arrows.

Announcing this, Warren said the series would be available to all clubs and soccer groups and schools throughout Australia through SBS's Marketing Division from the end of July.

Filming for the series will be done entirely in Canberra — and will feature top Arrows players like Frank Farina and Tony Franko, as well as top young players from the Canberra district.

The series will also feature, in each episode, a brief "Laws of the Game" segment featuring former top referee Tony Boskovic.

John Warren said production of the series was a great breakthrough for the sport.

The segment, in full, would cover:

- basic skills for beginners, featuring Farina, Alan Davidson and Tony Franko on goalkeeper skills;
- a schoolteacher/parents segment to show them how they can teach children skill-oriented fun games;
- The Australian Institute of Sport and its approach in segments designed at the advanced levels;
- Boskovic's "Laws of the Game" and
- personality pieces on some of the world's top stars.

"I believe this series can only benefit the game. We will begin filming on July 1. This has been months in the melting pot but the series should be top class," Warren said.

"And what's more SBS has said if this pilot series succeeds there could be more of the same."

**St George 4**  
**Blacktown 0**

Scorers: Barton 28th, Barton 35th, Koczka 38th, 36th.  
Ground: St George Stadium  
Referee: Doug Rennie 9.  
Beware Saints!

The warning signs were at Barton Park for all to see following Saints' effortless victory over Blacktown City. Had the score been eight or even 10-0 to St George it wouldn't have been undeserved.

Frank Arok, the Saints coach and Australia's mastermind, was fully aware of the bite the Demons have, for it was Blacktown

**Man of the Match:**  
**ROBBIE SLATER**  
(St George)



George Streeter

City which beat Saints in their last encounter at Marconi Stadium. To add to Arok's troubles, Dez Marton was out of the side with a hamstring injury.

However, the return of David Skeen as well as four internationals gave St George the boost needed for success. And with David Batten, Andy Koczka, Mark Barton and Robbie Slater in out-

standing form, it was no surprise to see the home team well on the way to victory well before the break.

It was Arok's turn to claim tactical victory as his youngsters scored three goals in 10 minutes to floor the Demons. And none was more impressive than the opening goal, scored by Barton.

David Batten charged downfield to pick up a low cross from Peter Stone before slipping it to Barton whose low drive from the edge of the box gave Hoare no chance.

Batten was in the thick of things again six minutes later. His shot at goal was charged down but the Demons defence failed to clear and Batten was quick to score from the ensuing melee.

Only three minutes later Koczka floored the Demons with a great shot from the edge of the penalty area following yet another great build up.

Slater was the chief destroyer making life terribly difficult for Shaw, then his replacement Michael Quarmbay. In fact Slater was named man of the match and was given a freezer for his effort by St George's new sponsor, Le-mair.

You might say that Saints froze its opponent in the second half and had Batten, Koczka and Barton converted their chances each would have picked up a hat-trick!

However, Saints did manage to strike again with Koczka latching onto a through pass from Barton to score close to the end.

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## Penalty missed, coach sent off

Alex Vesic

### Marconi 2 Penrith 1

**Scorers:** Lowe 39th, Janakovic 47th, Cotton 50th  
**Ground:** Marconi Stadium  
**Crowd:** 811  
**Referee:** Peter Ramplay 5  
**Yellow cards:** Carter, Janakovic (M), Fitzharris (P).  
Bruce James was replaced at half time, suffering double vision, and Bertie Mariani got his wish to play in goal as Marconi notched its second victory over Penrith in this year's premiership.

If you add two missed penalties, Willie Wallace being sent off the park, three yellow cards, numerous chances missed and some woe of decisions by the referee one might say that it was all worth a trip to Marconi and a \$5 entry fee. Sadly, only some 800 people gathered at Bossley Park and one could not blame Marconi's president for predicting doom of soccer should this trend continue.

"If this goes on we must ask ourselves just how long can we last. We have to pay the wages, overheads and the rest and it is difficult to do with empty stands," said Ron Cavanagh as he surveyed the ground.

In fact the sad part about the crowd attendance was the barren Supporters' stand at the eastern end of the ground, with only the marching girls in attendance, and a few boys.

Penrith must rue its second half performance, with Mariani sitting between the sticks for the home side.

Believe it or not, only one shot was on target during 45 minutes of the second half and that was by Fitzharris, more like a back pass than a shot. At the other end Marconi created a few clear-cut chances but Lowe, McCulloch and Brown wasted the lot.

Lowe was through in the 60th to face Gibson, but the Penrith keeper was quick to charge out of his area and managed to get his fingertips to the ball. The linesman kept his flag down and the referee, with international matches still on his mind, allowed play to go on with Marconi losing the edge.

Tommy McCulloch latched onto a perfect through ball by Mason to face Gibson but his finishing was awful in the 66th. Then came Rod Brown in the 78th. A through ball by Lowe and Gibson was exposed again but the shot went over the bar. Peter Sharpe did likewise during the first half as did Brian Jackson for Penrith.

Penrith had the chance to draw first blood as Donald Campbell eluded Steve Calderan to stroll into the penalty area. As Campbell veered to his right in an effort to beat another Marconi player, Calderan fell on him from behind and Penrith was given the spot kick.

Ian Witherspoon, with six goals to his name, missed and let Marconi off the hook. A few

**Man of the Match:**  
**TONY HENDERSON**  
(Marconi)

minutes later Bruce James was injured after an over-enthusiastic tackle by 17-year-old Randall Easthorpe. The game was stopped for some six minutes as James lay motionless on the ground. Despite returning to goal, James had to be replaced at half time suffering double vision.

Marconi's first goal came from a goalmouth scrimmage and following a free kick by Joe Rizzotto. Gibson missed the ball and Lowe turned to score from close range.

Soon after the restart Lowe had his chance for number two after Peter Sharpe was brought down by Micky Cross but the penalty by Lowe was saved by Gibson. In came Janakovic to left-foot it home for Marconi's number two.

Only three minutes later Marconi was exposed on the left flank with Paul Carter away from his fullback position and Brian Jackson fired a cross which was tucked away by Cotton, with Mariani a mere spectator.

## Lacmanovic turns it on

### Foots JUST 1 Green Gully 0

**Scorers:** Belic 64th  
**Venue:** Schintler Reserve  
**Crowd:** 1000  
**Cautions:** Cannell (GG), Goh.  
**Referee:** Chris Bambridge 8.

Former Red Star Belgrade striker Dragan Lacmanovic completely demoralised a pedestrian and unimaginative Green Gully, creating many scoring opportunities for himself and his colleagues.

Only bad luck, and some desperate last-line defensive work prevented JUST from considerably improving its goal difference in this match.

In the first half, Lacmanovic had two headers and a shot saved on the goal line with Lou Denys beaten; Joe Carroll tested the custodian with a powerful volley, and a shot



Tommy Cumming — Croatia's best against Makedonia

## Dobson and Lucchesi out injured

### Melb Croatia 1 Makedonia 0

**Scorers:** Antolovic 43rd  
**Venue:** Olympic Park  
**Referee:** J. Fokianos 6  
**Cautions:** Curcio (MC)

Makedonia's surge up the National Conference table was brought to a halt by Melbourne Croatia but coach Peter Ollerton laid the blame squarely on the international series just concluded.

"Australia must be the only country in the world which stops a league campaign for four weeks to slot in an international series," Ollerton said. "We had been having a good run before the stoppage, with victories over the top sides like Juventus, Hellas and West Adelaide."

"But today was like starting all over again and it was very difficult for the players to get the feeling back."

By goal by Jozo Antolovic two minutes from the break after being outplayed for most of the first half.

"I had a go at the players at half time — it almost looked like they were having a holiday out there," Ollerton said. "In the second half we showed ourselves a lot more and could have got something out of it but you can't win a game if you don't put the ball away."

Makedonia's star midfielder Zarko Odzakovic had a day long battle with Tommy Cumming and possibly came off second best overall but he still craved Makedonia's two best chances as the side took a stranglehold of the match in the second half.

With one of his customary defence-splitting passes, Odzakovic put Gary Cole through but the striker, with only the keeper to beat, placed his final shot wide.

Odzakovic and Ljube Petrovski again set up Cole in the 77th minute but the striker's shot on the volley went over the bar.

Zoran Illoski had Makedonia's other clear cut chance when Cole controlled a cross from the left by substitute Nick Kotevski and cut it back for the midfielder who blasted it over the bar.

Makedonia's second-half dominance just slightly overshadowed Melbourne Croatia's first-half performance in which Steve Potter was kept busy stopping shots from Steve Gojovic, Cumming and Shaun Parton.

Cumming cottoned onto a poor clearance after only two minutes of play to hit a shot on the volley which the keeper did well to hold.

Cumming has started using delicate, chipped free kicks — a la John Gardiner — and created two clearcut chances for Croatia from two such set pieces.

In the 16th minute, his short job over the defensive wall from just outside the area found Gojovic but the midfielder's first touch was poor and the chance went begging.

The second one, just three minutes into the second half, worked better and brought the best save of the game from Potter.

This time Cumming's free-kick found Parton and the centre back's strong header downwards was directed for the back of the net until Potter literally flew sideways to palm the ball away before it crossed the line.

Inevitably Cumming was involved in the winning goal scored just before halftime.

The tiny midfielder's corner kick was only half cleared to the edge of the box and Jozo Antolovic was on hand to send a header wide of the diving Makedonia goalkeeper.

Croatia coach Tony Vrzina at the moment is sticking to the same formation that the side has been playing to under Terry Hennessy and Cumming.

But he eventually wants to make it a more attacking formation and has every intention of using Cumming further forward.

"The players are playing under their third coach for the season and I don't want to unsettle the pattern too early."

"But it's obvious Cumming will have to move further forward soon. He is too good a player to play in such a deep lying role and on the wing is his best chance to continue pressing for a recall to the national team," Vrzina said.

Croatia had two well-established players — Peter Lewis and Jim Campbell on the bench — but that too will change in the near future.

Lewis was returning after playing for the Australia B side in the international series and he should have little trouble winning his fullback spot back, especially since Drago Deankovic was given a

bat by Graham Heys in this game. Campbell has recovered from a groin operation but has a harder fight on his hand, with the three midfielders currently in harness all performing well.

Croatia also expects to regain Keith Adams and Jeff Faulkner after injury in the next couple of weeks so competition for first-team spots is likely to be fierce.

Makedonia on the other hand lost Claude Lucchesi with an ankle injury in the first half and Ian Dobson after the break with a pulled hamstring.

Both are doubtful for this week's encounter with Footscray JUST and the side also will be without George Campbell whose injury is not expected to clear for another fortnight.

## Goalkeeper Wilson seeks club

**Preston-Makedonia goalkeeper Richard Wilson, 27, is seeking a transfer before the deadline on June 30.**

The New Zealand international has made it clear his future is in Australian soccer.

He is available for a \$12,500 transfer fee — the same amount Makedonia paid Canberra for him in 1981. He had two years with Canberra and previously played in the Christchurch United team that won the New Zealand championship and Cup.

He has played 40 games for New Zealand.

## AROUND THE WORLD

• In an exhibition game in Swaziland, Liverpool beat Tottenham Hotspur 5-2.

• Simon Stainrod and Clive Allen, both of Queen's Park Rangers, were late additions to the England touring squad for South America.

• Former Manchester United and England winger Steve Coppell, 28, became the English Football League's youngest manager when accepting the position at Crystal Palace. Assistant to Coppell at Selhurst Park will be another player whose career was terminated prematurely by injury — ex Welsh international central defender Ian Evans.

• Swede Sven Ericsson, who guided both IFK Gothenburg and Benfica to success in recent years, has taken over from compatriot Lennart Johansson as coach of AS Roma. Liedholm left Rome for family reasons and is expected to take charge of his former club AC Milan.

• FIFA has announced it received five entries from Oceania for the 1985 World Youth Championship — Australia, New Zealand, Taiwan, Fiji and Papua New Guinea. Israel, which is affiliated directly to FIFA, may join the five for qualifying games, though the world body has yet to decide where the Israelis will be placed.



Ken Kontra

from the edge of the penalty area was deflected over the bar.

In reply, Gully managed only one shot on target before half time, an effort by Les Carter in the 28th minute which Dennis Boland was unable to hold at first but grabbed at his second attempt before any damage was done.

The second half followed the same pattern, JUST stringing together passes almost at will, with Lacmanovic prominent in attack, but somehow Gully

**Man of the Match:**  
**DRAGAN LACMANOVIC**  
(JUST)

managed to keep the score-sheet clean until the 64th minute when Vlatko Belic finally found the back of the net with a powerful shot from 12 metres.

This was a fine goal, the result of a great build-up by the JUST forwards. Joe Carroll played a well-weighted through ball in front of Zdravko Lujic whose cross was beautifully played back by Lacmanovic for Belic, who did the rest.

JUST lined up without the suspended Jimmy Tansey and the injured Jamie Paton, but even without this experienced pair, looked a much improved team. Green Gully on the

other hand never found its rhythm, had no forward line to speak of and with the exception of Paul Wade, its midfield was well beaten on the day.

Gully strikers Paul Lewis and Bobby McGuinness were marked out of the game by Igor Hazabent and Garry McDowell respectively. In fact neither Lewis nor McGuinness managed to get a shot on target or threaten Dennis Boland's goal during the 90 minutes.

Les Carter, playing deep, was completely ineffective and, apart from two shots, hardly came in contact with the ball.

JUST did play well and its accurate passing game and thoughtful build-ups were reminiscent of great JUST teams of the past. It remains to be seen how it will adjust itself against opposition with more flair and determination than Green Gully was able to offer.

score more realistic when substitute Marko Perinovic charged into keeper Gosling who dropped the ball and the striker tapped it into the net.

From the kick-off Canberra scored the best goal of the match when the hard working Gibson chased a long diagonal ball to the byline, cut it back for Alan Reis to crash home his second goal.

After that, mercifully for Newcastle, the final whistle.

"Our defence was dreadful," was coach Willie Gallager's comment after the game. "And our midfield was non-existent," he added just for good measure.

One can only sympathise with Gallager. His job is to pick up the pieces, patch them together and face Canberra again next week, this time at Bruce Stadium.

On this performance Newcastle Rosebud can only improve.

## Reis, Phillips cut up Newcastle

### Newc-Rosebud 0 Canberra 4

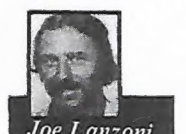
**Scorers:** 20th Gibson (pen), 22nd Reis, 39th Perinovic, 50th Reis.  
**Venue:** Adamstown Oval.  
**Cautions:** Korby (N), Mihailidis (C)  
**Referee:** Robbie Davies 6.

An indiscreet reflex action 20 minutes into the first half by usually reliable Michael Boogaard presented Canberra Arrows with a gift penalty and Ian Gibson dutifully put the visitors ahead from the spot kick.

That was the turning point of the game.

The stunned Newcastle defence was still in a daze two minutes later when they allowed the ball to bounce dangerously around the penalty area before Alan Reis provided it home from close range.

From that moment on Newcastle was no match for the fast-moving, hard-tackling, well-organised Canberra side.



Joe Lanzoni

What had been the strength of the Newcastle side in recent matches, the defence, was unusually tentative on the tactics of lifting the ball into the air against the tall Canberra defence certainly had the expected effect.

Taking the field without speedster Frank Farina, Canberra still had plenty of speed and spirit up front. Hilton Phillips giving Boogaard a torrid time. He was mainly responsible for the defender not playing up to his usual standard.

Canberra's tactics were simple. They closed down space quickly and tackled with determination. Newcastle on the other hand made a lot of errors and certainly could not match the visitors in enthusiasm.

Australia "B" keeper Tony Franken had a comparatively quiet afternoon, having only to deal with a nasty cross by Dino Milosevic which he tipped confidently over the bar.

Even without being over-worked, he showed his class by easily dominating the penalty area when the high balls came his way.

Newcastle did have some chances. Bernard Kerby missing with a left foot shot four minutes after the start.

But probably the chance of the match was muffed by Derek Todd when 10 minutes before half time he dashed

**Man of the Match:**  
**ALAN REIS**  
(Canberra)

away but at the crucial moment over-ran the ball.

A similar situation occurred early in the second half but this time Todd saw the ball roll harmlessly over the byline.

Had Newcastle put away either of those two chances the game could have taken the different turn but we will never know.

What we do know is that Canberra continued to dominate without being particularly dangerous until Andy Thompson, in an attempt to clear an innocent-looking ball, inadvertently set up Ian Gibson but his left foot shot sailed over the bar.

When a 2-0 scoreline looked a certainty Canberra made the



Alan Reis

## Players available

\* Gordon Smith, a midfielder or defender who played for St. Johnstone, Aston Villa, Spurs and Wolves, wants to play in Australia.

Smith, 31, can be contacted on 021 308 7741 (England).

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Ron Atkinson

**Love-tangle soccer manager Ron Atkinson just back from Australia, sat with his arm round the new woman in his life, as they talked of their love.**

The flamboyant Manchester United chief spoke of his "mental anguish" when he

decided to leave his wife Margaret for 35-year-old divorcee Maggie Harrison, with whom he has been having an affair for the past 18 months.

His wife confronted him about the secret relationship a year ago, after a series of anonymous phone calls, he disclosed.

"Telling my wife I had decided to leave was the hardest decision I have ever had to make in my life. I don't ever anticipate having to make a harder one," Atkinson, 45, said.

He said of his wife: "I can't say I had word about her. That is what makes it very much worse."

Mrs Harrison, a part-time fashion party hostess, said: "It is obvious how I feel. I love him."

"But it has been very difficult — very difficult."

Deeply tanned and wearing a yellow and white leather suit, Mrs Harrison sat beside Mr Atkinson as they spoke to journalists in an informal "clear the air" press conference at a house in Hale,

Cheshire, only a few kilometres from the 120,000 sq ft (about \$A155,750) luxury home in Wilmslow he shared with his wife until a few days ago.

After the news of their romance — since called the "worst kept secret in soccer" — broke, the pair were pursued by reporters.

Atkinson was told by Manchester United chairman, Martin Edwards that the affair would not affect his position with the famous club.

"I think it is a relief it has come out — if we are now allowed to get on with something that really involved only four people, my wife and daughter, Maggie and myself," Atkinson said.

He had known Mrs Harrison for nearly two years, after they were introduced "quite innocently" at a social function, and then met accidentally another couple of times, he said.

About 18 months ago, their relationship developed into something deeper.

"I don't think at that time we ever envisaged it going as far as it has gone. I didn't plan it," he said.

It was "a complete fabrication and a complete joke" to suggest that Mrs Harrison was always seen in his office at the club, after games, he insisted.

"She has only ever been to two games in her life, at Old Trafford, to my knowledge. Once she was brought into my office quite inadvertently," he said.

"Maggie has also been away on trips with me — but never when the team has been there, as someone has suggested."

He said his wife received several anonymous telephone calls 12 months ago, and confronted him about the affair. He admitted it was true.

Sipping a vodka-and-lemonade, Atkinson went on: "She was obviously very distressed."

"We talked long and hard before I went to Australia recently, and had several telephone conversations during that trip."



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Those who like central defenders to be tall, strong and ruthless enough to kick their grandmother if she were wearing the wrong colored playing strip, would have relished the appearances of Gordon McQueen on Australian soccer pitches recently, for here is a centre half in the classical mould.

At 6'3" tall and 135 stone, McQueen certainly has the build of a natural defensive kingpin — yet he started as a right winger!

The Scottish international did not play any organised football at all until 17, as his school in Ayrshire catered for neither soccer nor rugby, and he was limited to unorganised kickabouts until joining local amateur club Largs Thistle.

The gangling figure of McQueen sprinting down Largs' right flank must have been quite a sight, but he was sufficiently skilled on the wing to attract the attention of St. Mirren, which persuaded the steelworks engineer to turn professional.

At the Paisley club though, manager Wilson Humphries immediately recognised where his talents would be best utilised and switched him to heart of defence.

After less than two seasons with the Saints, McQueen was earmarked by Leeds United manager Don Revie as a replacement for the legendary Jack Charlton, upon the England World Cup hero's retirement.

Therefore, for a fee of \$80,000, the Scot transferred to Leeds and they set about refining his ability. The raw youngster, whose positioning sense was virtually non-existent, tended to ball-watch and lacked discipline. Obviously much work lay in front of him if he was to become a quality player.

One thing that McQueen could not be accused of being deficient in was aggression. Some of the tackles he produced made even Leeds fans, hardened by the exploits of Norman Hunter, wince.

Determination was another early trademark. Under the guidance of Charlton and Leeds coach Syd Owen, himself a former England centre half, he eagerly toiled to improve his game.

McQueen had experienced only six English League games with United before playing in the 1973 European Cup Winners' Cup final. Leeds lost that match 1-0 to AC Milan, but he proved himself the obvious successor to Charlton, who had become Middlesbrough's manager a few days earlier.

The big Scot made 37 appearances during the next season for a United team which led the First Division from start to finish.

McQueen, always resolute, dominated in defence and it came as no surprise when he was called up for Scotland just before the 1974 World Cup Finals.

## Barrie still killing 'em, Toshack replaces Venglos

By PAUL MOON

● England's recent shock 2-0 win over Brazil in Rio was only its second in 13 encounters with the South Americans.

● Servette Geneva won the Swiss Cup, defeating Lucerne 1-0 in the final.

● Swiss B side Bari, which beat Juventus in an earlier round, continued its giant-killing exploits by defeating Fiorentina 4-2 in the quarter final. The semi final draw pairs Bari with Verona.

● Former Swansea City manager John Toshack is now coach of Portuguese club Sporting Lisbon, having replaced one-time Australian national coach Josef Venglos.

● German international Walter Meeuwse, suspended in his own country, has joined Ajax Amsterdam.

● "I'm not kidding anybody on, I'm going for the cash," so said an honest Graeme Souness during a press conference convened after his move to Sampdoria had been announced. The Scottish international will receive \$300,000 a year and Liverpool's bank account benefits to the tune of \$1,400,000.

● Graham Roberts, a member of England's touring party in South America, underwent an appendix operation in Rio and flew back to London without playing a game.

● Rumania has declined the opportunity to replace Czechoslovakia in the Olympic finals and now Norway will participate.

● The career of former European Footballer of the Year

ended when he broke his leg during the opening game of the European Championship finals against France.

● St. Niklaus has returned to the Belgian First Division after an absence of 37 years.

● Six members of the Brazilian team beaten 2-0 by England were dropped for the following week's encounter with Argentina.

● Zurich Grasshoppers became Swiss Champions for the third consecutive year by defeating Servette Geneva in a play off 1-0 in Bern.

● Italian-born Anderlecht midfielder Vincenzo Scifo gained Belgian nationalisation just one week before the European Championship finals and was included in Belgium's squad which travelled to France.

● Halifax Town, Chester City, Rochdale and Hartlepool all comfortably won re-election to the English Football League Aspirant Midstone United made little impression in the pool.

● Despite having recently guided Morton into the Scottish Premier Division, manager Tommy MacLean has moved to relegated Motherwell.

● The German club offers the better long-term prospects.

● A goal within 28 seconds of kick off by Saeed Jasir ended Yugoslavia to beat Spain 1-0 in a friendly international.

● Two members of West Germany's squad, Lothar Matthäus and Hans-Gunter Bruns, were fined for breaking a curfew on the eve of the team's departure for the European Championship

● Mark Hateley and Dave Watson were picked to make their England debuts against Brazil in Rio.

● The two-year ban from the FA Cup originally imposed upon West Ham United and Birmingham City has been overturned by a special commission. The suspension stemmed from crowd disturbances during a FA Cup tie between the two earlier this year.

● Eintracht Frankfurt has retained its place in the Bundesliga First Division after a series of promotion — relegation play-offs.

● Barcelona has rejected Napoli's \$7 million bid for Diego Maradona. The Argentine, who is eager to leave Spain, has been told he must fulfill his contract, which expires in 1987.

● Gordon Gooch has been named as manager of Queens' Park Rangers — just one week after being appointed! Gooch stated he was bewildered by his dismissal and a series of confusing and conflicting statements by the club did little to indicate reasons for such a move.

● England's 1966 World Cup hero Alan Ball has been confirmed as permanent manager of Portsmouth. He had been serving "Pompey" in a caretaker role since Bobby Campbell's dismissal.

● The third important European trophy to be decided by penalty kicks last week went to Hungary, which beat USSR in the UEFA Youth Tournament final, despite being held scoreless over 120 minutes. 72,000 saw the

By PAUL MOON

Although in the squad which travelled to West Germany, McQueen did not play in the Mundial.

He also missed another possible milestone the next year. A reckless tackle earned him a red card in the European champions' Cup semi final with Barcelona and consequently suspension for the final against Bayern Munich.

Further disappointments followed soon afterwards when a persistent Achilles tendon injury resulted in most of the 1975-76 campaign being missed.

Upon his return, McQueen found himself playing for a deteriorating Leeds team, which had lost its direction since Revie's elevation to England team manager.

Perhaps it was frustration at Leeds' decline which induced a punch-up between the tough Caledonian and teammate David Harvey during a losing FA Cup tie with Manchester City.

Irrespective of the reason, it led to him being placed on the transfer list and moving to Manchester United. The fee, \$90,000, was then a record between English clubs.

A series of outstanding performances during the 1978 World Cup qualifying round enhanced McQueen's reputation further and Scottish team manager Ally MacLeod was obviously depending upon him as defensive cornerstone in Argentina.

But, strained knee ligaments ruled the six footer out immediately before the finals. This was the first of many blows Scotland experienced during their Argentine venture.

Upon recovery, McQueen regained the Scotland number five jersey, only for a recurrence of the old Achilles tendon problem to result in him missing most of the 1980-81 and 1981-82 seasons.

His return to full fitness was a major factor in United lifting the 1983 FA Cup. This was a particularly special moment for McQueen, who had three times previously appeared for losing cup final teams.

As well as being one of the most solid back four players produced by Britain in recent times, he has also contributed much when moving forward.

Capped 31 times, McQueen's long gallops upfield with the ball often threw defences into confusion and his height and strength have produced many goals, notably during the 1979 FA Cup Final and for Scotland against England in 1977.

Unfortunately, injuries have deprived McQueen of the opportunity to earn a place amongst the truly great central defenders.

The hard-training tottler, 32 this month, may still be a prominent figure in English soccer for a year or two yet, however.



Gordon McQueen



Ken Drakeford while with SM-Hellas

## Drakeford says he made error

Kenny Drakeford, who signed a one-season contract with New Zealand National League club Nelson United earlier this year, although Green Gully Ajax, South Melbourne Hellas and Juventus had expressed interest in him, is already regretting the move.

"I made a mistake," Drakeford stated frankly when interviewed recently. "Even though United are far superior to the team I played for last year (relegated Dunedin Technical), the overall standard of the league disappoints me and the apathy Nelsonians display towards soccer is really disheartening."

The diminutive midfielder was lured to Nelson, a tourist resort and haven for retired people, by ex-Brisbane Lions and Newcastle KB United goalkeeper Phil Dando, who now coaches the South Island club.

"I should have gone to Melbourne when given the opportunity," he lamented. "I only hope that I haven't burned my bridges when my current contract expires at the end of this season."

Should Drakeford, currently the outstanding linkman in New Zealand, move across the Tasman, he will get a second taste of Australian football. The first was marred by a contract dispute and ended after just 12 games for South Melbourne Hellas in 1979.

Although adamant that the fault was not entirely his, he does concede: "I was young and silly then and didn't know what was best for me."



# Quick trip to Sydney for a \$283 lunch

may as well have been at last Wednesday. At least I could have had a stake in the game.

Instead I was cast into a purgatory of sport lounges, famine, rain and industrial disputes as the world rolled on there, somewhere, oblivious to my fate.

International soccer had never been this bad. Photographer Les Shorrock and I went to Sydney to cover the Australia v. New Zealand match.

We got to Sydney at 1.30 pm, found the Sydney Cricket Ground at 2 pm, the game had been called off due to rain and managed to leave on the 4.45 return flight at 8 pm.

In between we were held up by one of the many industrial disputes. But we weren't about to take that chance.

So it was back to Mascot for TAA's 4 pm (T465) flight back home. Sorry, said the woman at the desk. The Transport Workers' Union had a gripe in Melbourne and its Sydney members had gone out in sympathy.

Management personnel were on their way to load the aircraft. We would be boarding at 4.15 pm. No. 4.30 pm; no. 5.15 pm; no. 5.30 pm. Or 6.05, 6.30, 6.40, 6.45.

Yippee, at 5.45 they started to board. Ten minutes later they came out of the gangway again. At 7.30 we filed out only to get to the edge of a precipice facing the rain.

"Run down the stairs and out to the aircraft," said the stewardess, overlooking the chaos.

On the way to that aborted meal, lunch still was unavailable on the plane.

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By LAURIE SCHWAB

We did have lunch, however, at the hotel frequented by the Soccerroos a lunch costing \$10 each, plus the air fare of about \$250, taxi fares which amounted to about \$15 and an \$8 parking fee at Tullamarine.

The lunch was nice, but not worth \$283.

Soccerroos John Kosmina, David Mitchell and David Ratcliffe speculated while being pelted by rain that the game would be played at St. George Stadium the following day (Thursday).

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king memories of New Delhi and Colombo.

We were told that the plane had to be pushed back from the concourse gangway in order to load the luggage, and the people doing the pushing would not do so with people aboard.

So we were seated now, drenched, short of breath and in many cases grateful for the bar service back at the lounge.

And we could reflect on the intricate workings of an airline terminal.

Like: Flight T418 from Melbourne cancelled, returned to Melbourne.

Or: Flight E185 from Hobart, scheduled 1.15 pm, due 6.05 pm.

And: Flight T426 from Canberra, scheduled 5.30, due 7.05.

We also gained an insight into the airline's security system from a bright-eyed young woman and a pretentious, all-knowing young man.

SHE: "What's the detector for? To detect metal? It can't be to detect metal. I've got lots in my bag."

HE: "It detects only big pieces of metal. And it's designed to pick up sharp objects."

SHE: "So it wouldn't pick up small items like a Japanese throwing star."

HE: "Yes it would. It would show up because it's sharp. So they'd check it out."

SHE: "But it's not big."

HE: "Yes, but it picks up everything about 2cm square."

SHE: "So I could carry a very small pen-knife or a small screwdriver."

HE: "But they're sharp. It picks up sharp things like that."

SHE: "Oh."

We were thinking about taking a flight to Cowra, Tamworth or a place called Yng Cnd on the monitor, and catching a plane to Melbourne from there. But then, we would have missed out on those pearls of wisdom.

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# Cosmos, Baltimore, Watford, Forest and now Penrith

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

What do Rotherham, Watford, Nottingham Forest, Baltimore, New York Cosmos, Philadelphia, New York Atlas, Twin Towns and Penrith have in common?

Give up?

The answer is a midfielder called Peter Nix.

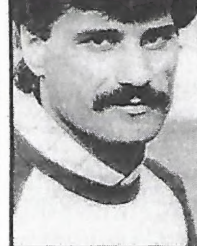
This 26-year-old sales consultant for Nashua in Sydney must be one of the most travelled players in the 1984 NSL.

He's also an NSL newcomer, having joined Penrith last December from Queensland club Twin Towns.

But illness and injury plagued Nix until April 29 when he made his debut in Penrith's 1-1 draw with Melita Eagles at Melita Stadium. Since then Penrith has lost just two matches — both to APIA — and surprised most observers by reaching the quarter-finals of the National Cup.

"The NSL's a very tough league. It's very aggressive. I'd become accustomed to a more technical game in the U.S. but I'll adjust," said Nix. "People were talking at the start of the season about Penrith aiming to consolidate itself in the NSL but I honestly think that we'll surprise everyone and finish well up the league."

There's a lot of belief and



Iraklis goalkeeper Blagoj Georgiev (pictured) looked up old friends during his visit. He previously had toured with Vardar Skopje, along with Zarko Odzakovic, now with Preston Makodonia.

determination among the lads and it's starting to show out on the park."

Nix comes from Rotherham in England. He represented his town and county at schoolboy and also trialled with the English schoolboys, before signing professional forms with Rotherham in 1976. Jimmy McGeoghan was coaching the Third Division side at the time.

"McGeoghan was very, very hard. His idea was that you got fit to play, rather than playing to get fit."

"Rotherham always was there or thereabouts but lacked support."

Nix scored for Rotherham on his debut against Gillingham and won Man of the Match awards run by a local paper. He was a left winger then and spent four seasons with the club before major changes involving both administration and playing staff, saw him given a free transfer, and Watford snapped him up.

Graham Taylor (the Watford manager) was very, very precise. He's the sort of guy who keeps all kinds of statistics on every facet of the game. His sessions always were very entertaining. He's a very inventive man."

But Nix's stint at Watford fell just short of a full season. He didn't get a first team game and was one of a crop of players released by the club in 1980.

Nix played a handful of games in the Alliance League before being spotted by a Forest scout and he was on his way to the City Ground in Nottingham.

Forest manager Brian Clough is one of the best. He also seemed to me to be quite a good coach, especially in terms of motivating players. And his ideas and the way he puts them over are great.

"He's very active in sessions and very imaginative. Some say that he's a really hard man but that didn't show out to me. Then again, Forest was riding on the crest of a wave at the time. Maybe he didn't have to be that hard."

Forest started off-loading players. It was at a time when million dollar transfer transactions became more important to the club than personnel. Nix was released.

"As a kid I'd always wanted to go to the U.S. Actually, I'd been there a couple of times to visit my brother who was in college."

Baltimore, then in the North American Soccer League, was Nix's first club there.

"Teams were springing up like daisies and dying just as quickly. They're true businessmen over there. If they don't make money they sell their franchises so clubs change hands, lock, stock and barrel."

"It's a strange experience playing in the States. One minute you're playing alongside an American, the next you're alongside a world class international."

Nix spent half a season with Cosmos and was at Philadelphia for a while until that club folded. He also played as a semi-professional with New York Atlas but visa problems forced his return to England in the Christmas of 1982.

"The range of playing styles in the States is phenomenal. If the Americans can blend the best out of these styles they'll have a hell of a national team."

Nix, back in England, gave soccer away for a while. Twin Towns had tried lure him to Queensland in 1982 but failed, however, when it renewed its interest last year, it was successful. Nix played with Twin Towns during the latter part of last season.

"The standard wasn't too bad. I enjoyed myself with Twin Towns. It's a very sociable club."

"Actually, I didn't have too much time to think when I first arrived. I was off the plane one day and playing the next. I played three games in five days!"

"But Sydney's the best place to play, and I was able to get an internal transfer from Nashua in Brisbane, which was great."

Nix returns to England at the end of the year to marry his girlfriend, Karen. He's found it a lot easier than her to settle here.

"It's a lot easier for a bloke, especially playing soccer, because he's got an instant circle of friends."

"I'd like to see a lot more of Australia, not just through soccer, and I may even decide to settle down here."

## Arok our top coach — Denton

By WALTER PLESS

Former Australian international, Mike Denton, 39, led to Burnie, in Tasmania, to 1972. His wife is Tasmanian and this was the reason for move.

Denton, who won four fullcaps for Australia's Greece, Iran, Mexico and Israel, and ended the country 15 times altogether, but he still has friends on the mainland at they keep him in touch with soccer there.

s coach of Northern State League club, United — It is his second stint with the club but also takes a great deal of interest in soccer. He is coach of the North regional under 10 team which recently led against four other regions in Hobart.

ie is not doing too well in the league but I put this down to youthful inexperience. I spoke to him after southern Hobart City-Azzuri had defeated his 1-0 in the John Kalis Memorial Trophy final.

on you first arrived in Tasmania, at the league alright with your Nowadays you only play when it's necessary. Why didn't you on today?

got a hamstring injury so I couldn't layed anyway. The lads tried hard, but, a young side. We've got nine players e under 21; two of them are only 15 and le are 16.

is the team's poor league position you?

but I'm more interested in junior and in trying to raise junior standards. qualified coach and I think that's where man soccer has really got to look. If e going to import people from other, I think they should be qualified s and they've got to look at raising the rd of the juniors.

w do you raise the standard? e're going to raise the standard we've get more good coaches, more qualified s, and then work from the bottom and i firm foundation.

at coaching qualifications do you

got the English Prelim Badge. I'd like or the Australian senior badge but when married with three kids it's difficult to e time and money to go to the mainland o the senior course. I've played under le Frank Arok and Rale Rasic and layed with people like Atti Abonyi and Warren and if you can't learn from like that, you're not going to learn at

at did you think when Frank Arok is national team job?

up and cheered. Arok is the best coach ver played under, easily the best. That s every inch a professional and he's a uy with it. He's a players' coach as far concerned.

ould a full state league be in-cod next season?

. The people of Hobart have to realise it ate and we can't just concentrate on one



Mike Denton

## ST. GEORGE GETS \$20,000 BACKING

National league champion St George Budapest has brought off a remarkable coup by signing new sponsors midway through a football season.

Club president Alec Pongrass announced that national electrical retailers Lemair Australia had confirmed a \$20,000 sponsorship deal for the rest of this season with an option to renew next year.

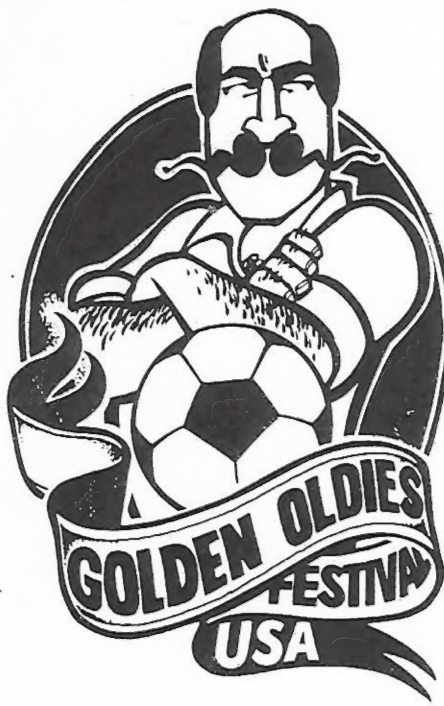
"To gain a sponsorship of this type in the middle of the season is an indication of the progress and improvement in soccer," he said.

"It is the biggest single sponsorship the club has so far obtained and we intend to see they get full value for their money."

Lemair national sales manager Harry Marr said his company had seen operating in Australia for 30 years.

"We still had to sell ourselves the idea of a sponsorship halfway through the season but made the decision because it was the St George club involved," he said.

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# Volar in, Dacevski out

Auburn-Uruguay is back in its familiar green and gold and also in the top four. Following its 3-2 win over Manly Warringah at Cromer, Auburn has once again asserted its ambition to challenge for a position at the top.

"I have nothing but praise for my players," said Ljubo Gokovic, Auburn's coach, following the match at Cromer. Tony O'Shana, Auburn's burly striker, helped himself to a hat-trick with two goals coming from the first half penalties.

Six wins and five draws in the last 11 outings have pushed Auburn to within one point of the lead and despite all the problems that have beset the club in the last few weeks it is now obvious that the players are firmly behind the club's leadership and coach.

For Manly and its coach Richard Alagich, defeat was a bitter pill to swallow. "Some of my more illustrious players just did not perform," claimed Manly's coach.

Well, while Auburn had its revenge on Manly, Sutherland came away from Monaro with one valuable point to further complicate the issue at the top. For Inter it has been a nightmare three weeks, after losing in succession to Manly and Rockdale and now losing a point to Sutherland at home. This week Inter is away to fast improving Ku-Ring-gai and anything is likely to happen.

Rockdale Ilinden drew with Avala at Hurstville oval despite problems amongst the spectators during the match. The game was delayed for almost 10 minutes with both sets of players waiting for the arrival of police reinforcements. In the end, Avala took a point and deprived Ilinden of the lead in State League.

Following its 3-1 loss to Polonia, Canterbury seems to have dropped out of the race for the top four, while Ku-Ring-Gai still is making a steady progress with its fifth match in a row without loss.

It is now evident that Yugal is favoured to take the wooden spoon after its 1-2 loss to Warringah. And while John Wignall is being offered a new, three-year contract with Warringah, Steve Dacevski has resigned as the coach of Yugal. Zvonko Volar has taken over in a caretaker capacity.

Sutherland Sharks will be in

the right mood at Seymour Shaw Park this Sunday when they meet Manly Warringah.

Auburn's success over Manly has denied Manly's hopes for a runaway title win and has presented Sutherland with new hope of snatching the lead. For the National League hopefuls from down Cronulla way, nothing but a string of wins is going to suffice from here on in.

Rockdale Ilinden goes to Fraser Park to meet Yugal in what should be a walkover. The last time they met the scoreline was a narrow 1-0 win to Ilinden but this time Yugal could be in for a hammering!

Bankstown beat Polonia by four goals in their third round encounter. However, I would give Polonia the edge in this match. Its backline is strong, its midfield creative and its forwards fast. Inter Monaro whitewashed Ku-Ring-Gai at Queenbeyan earlier this year by 6-2. However, Ku-Ring-Gai led 2-0 in that match! Should Ku-Ring-Gai manage to score two goals at Parklands Oval on Saturday I fail to see how Inter could get out of trouble. Its form away from Queenbeyan has been poor.

But let's look at the drama and action of last weekend's round of games:

## Manly Warringah 2 Auburn Uruguay 3

SCORERS: O'Shana 8th (pen), 40th (pen), 75th, Stuart 20th, Leak 60th.

Tony O'Shana scored three goals at Cromer Park to upset the League ladder, Manly Warringah, and give Auburn yet another go at the top four.

His first two goals came from spot kicks made with Bruce Doyle and John Dick, Manly's central defenders, the offenders on these occasions.

Following a tussle for the ball between O'Shana and Dick in the 8th minute, it appeared that the ball struck Dick on the arm and a very loud appeal by Auburn players was upheld by the referee. O'Shana struck his

shot well and despite a good guess by the keeper it was 1-0 to Auburn.

After 20 minutes it was all square. A Roy Jones chip found Robbie Stuart and a header by Stuart was sufficient to see Rosano beaten.

With five minutes remaining, Knight raced into the penalty area only to be brought down by Doyle and yet another penalty to Auburn provided O'Shana with a perfect opportunity to score. His well-placed shot put Auburn one up at half time.

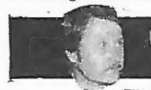
In the 60th minute Manly came back through Steve Leak after what appeared to be an error by Rosano. However, Chris Cassettari replied with the same gesture at the other

end early. Thurlow made a great save at one end, then the action swung to Rockdale's half of the field. A free kick, some 35 metres from goal was given to Avala.

Nikola Duvnjak took the shot. His power-laden drive took everyone by surprise, even Kotzohambos, who stood as if struck by lightning as the shot by Duvnjak hit the back of the net.

Ilinden came back through Terry Jones in the closing stages of the first half. A shot by Jones deflected off an Avala player and into the net to have the two sides locked at 1-1 at half time.

Soon after the restart, Ka-



NSW State League  
with ALEX VESIC

end providing O'Shana with a chance which gave Auburn its third and winning goal.

"Dubious penalties and an error by the keeper cost us the match," said a disappointed Manly official after the match. "If it wasn't for an error by Rosano Manly wouldn't have had a look-in during the second half. It was all Auburn," said the official.

Richard Alagich felt that some of his players just did not perform, while Ljubo Gokovic was jubilant about his players' effort. For Alagich, this will certainly be a long week. Will he face Sutherland using McBreen and Stevens together again? It is doubtful, following the pair's showing at Cromer Park.

As for Gokovic, it is a fair reward for some hard work that he has put into this team. It is also important to note that the players of Auburn deserve a lot of a praise for their effort. After their salaries were practically halved they came out to topple the leader!

## Avala 2

Rockdale Ilinden 2  
SCORERS: Duvnjak 6th, Jones 44th, Karanfilovski 50th, Budini 75th.

An action-packed game at Hurstville with Avala always the equal of the much-fancied Rockdale. In fact, it was Avala that took

rnanfilovski shot his side into the lead, but Avala came back through Ricky Budini who scored the equaliser with 15 minutes to go.

## Bankstown National 1 Ku-Ring-Gai 1

SCORERS: Williamson 39th, Blackburn 60th.

Neil Williamson scored his second goal in as many matches for Ku-Ring-Gai to give his side a well-earned draw in a tough encounter at Potts Park. It was Brian Dene who provided the spade work with his cross, with Williamson being the quickest in the ensuing melee to put the ball beyond the reach of Lohman.

It was during the first period that Ku-Ring-Gai looked strong and with its one-goal advantage looked set to take the points. Bankstown National did change its tactics during the second period, employing long, probing balls to unsettle Kuring-gai's defence. And it worked!

From one of those attacks, Steve Blackburn hit the post in the 55th. Some five minutes later, Prentice was not so lucky. A quick free kick by Genc to Blackburn and on this occasion his shot was a bit more accurate, finding the net just inside the post.

## Canterbury 1 Polonia 3

SCORERS: Petas (CM), Lumsdaine, Galas pen, Kowalczyk (P).

Craig Hall missed a penalty and Ante Galas scored from the penalty spot at crucial stages of this match. After Scott Lumsdaine put Polonia ahead early in the first half, the visitors looked set to "sit" on their lead.

Canterbury received its penalty and Craig Hall missed. Soon after it was Ante Galas who scored from a penalty to give Polonia an insurmountable lead. A leader by John Petas gave the home side some semblance of a chance but Henry Kowalczyk put the issue beyond doubt with a great goal close to full time.

## Yugal 1

## Warringah Narabeen 2

SCORERS: Tanovski 55th, Jack 80th, Bullock 89th.

This battle of the "cellar dwellers" at Fraser Park was decided in the dying seconds with Billy Bullock putting one past Berry to sink Yugal for the second time this season.

After a scoreless first half, Yugal drew first blood in the 55th when Chris Thamides took a short free kick for Stan Tanovski to rifle his first timer well out of the reach of Peter Dean.

With 15 minutes to go, Warringah applied pressure looking for an equaliser and with Yugal back pedalling a goal was inevitable. Warringah's latest acquisition, ex-Manly midfielder David Jack, put his side on even terms when he picked up a loose ball just outside the area to slam it wide of Berry.

For Yugal, the final curtain came none too soon for had the game gone on a little longer it could have been worse. Its players failed to come to terms when put under pressure and its forwards wasted opportunities when it mattered most. Morsello and Jesic had only the keeper to beat but failed to find the net and as a result Warringah squeezed one home at the other end.

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
INTER MONARO.....	7	4	2	42	20	18
MANLY WARRINGAH 7	4	1	26	8	18	
ROCKDALE ILINDEN 7	4	2	26	13	18	
AUBURN URUGUAY. 6	5	2	14	11	17	
Sutherland.....	6	4	3	22	12	16
Canterbury.....	4	5	4	15	21	13
Ku-Ring-Gai.....	4	4	5	18	23	12
Polonia.....	3	4	6	13	19	10
Avala.....	3	4	6	21	31	10
Warringah Narabeen...	3	2	7	15	26	8
Yugal.....	1	5	6	13	21	7
Bankstown.....	2	3	8	12	31	7

## THIS WEEK

Sunday: Parklands Oval: KU-RING-GAI v. INTER MONARO. Sunday: Seymour Shaw: SUTHERLAND v. MANLY WARRINGAH. Mon: Park: AUBURN URUGUAY v. AVALA; Chopin Park: POLONIA v. BANKSTOWN NATIONAL; Narabeen: WARRINGAH NARABEEN v. CANTERBURY; Fraser Park: YUGAL v. ROCKDALE ILINDEN.

## TOP SCORERS

10 — Ross Brown (RI)  
9 — Valeri (IMI), Holloway (MW), O'Shana (Aub).  
8 — N Milne (Av)  
7 — Leak (MW)  
6 — Monterosso, Willox (IMI), Jeffery (KI), Groomie (SI)  
5 — Stuart (MW), Sobczyk (PI), Jones (RI), McGrath (Y)  
4 — Budini (Av), Dounis (CI), Giampaolo, Colbertado (IM), Bullock, Sandner (WN)

MANLY WARRINGAH 2 (Stuart 20th, Leak 60th) AUBURN URUGUAY 3 (O'Shana pen 8th, pen 40th, 75th) at Cromer Park.

MANLY WARRINGAH: Cassettari 6, — Pagano 7, Doyle 7, Dick 7, Williamson 5 (46th O'Rourke 5), Jones 7, Stevens 5, McBreen 5, — Stuart 7, Holloway 7, Leak 6.

AUBURN URUGUAY: Rosano 6, — Kelly 8, Planinic 7, Watt 7, Geekie 7, — Parfitt 6, Carney 7, Akoutas 8, Knight 8 (McDermid 85th) — O'Shana 8, Banales 7 (Townsend 80th).

AVALA 2 (Duvnjak 6th, Budini 75th) ROCKDALE ILINDEN 2 (Jones 44th, Karanfilovski 50th) at Hurstville Oval.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Kotzohambos 7, — Grasevski 6, D. Wilson 7, Degney 7, J. Wilson 6, — Pilovski 6, Nasteviski 6, Slavski 6, — Brown 6, (Youseph 70th), Jones 7, Karanfilovski 7.

AVALA: Thurlow 8, — Lucchessi 6, Budini 8, Mackenzie 7, Da Silva 6, — Duvnjak 8 (Antonic 70th), Williams 7, Kodor 7, — Bratkovic 5 (Collins 46th), Bateman 6, Milne.

BANKSTOWN 1 (Blackburn 60th) KU-RING-GAI 1 (Williamson 39th) at Potts Park.

BANKSTOWN: Lohman 6, Kennedy 7, Blackburn 7, Coates 7, Agostino 6, — Dolton 5, Parker 5, (72nd Sirrett), Genc 6 — Pavala 7, Hsnic 8, Apelian 8.

KU-RING-GAI: Prentice 8, — Bennett 7, Dene 6, Bertram 6, Jesse 7, — Quigley 6, Bourke 7, Harper 8, Tracey 6, — Jeffery 6, N. Williamson 7.

CANTERBURY 1 (Petas) POLONIA 3 (Lumsdaine, Galas pen, Kowalczyk) at Arlington Oval.

CANTERBURY: Phillips 6, — Efimides 6, Lws 6 (Karysiros 60th), Tilles 6 (Hantzis 60th), Androu 7, Fieratis 6, Anagnostopoulos 6, Antonopoulos 6, — Hall 7, Petas 6, Dounis 6.

POLONIA: Barker 7, — Pratt 7, Galas 7, Fogarty 7, Jordan 7, — Lumsdaine 8, Juchniwicz 8, Nowak 8, — Kowalczyk 7, Sobczyk 7, Divani 7.

YUGAL 1 (Tanovski 65th), WARRINGAH NARABEEN 2 (Jack 80th, Bullock 89th) at Fraser Park.

YUGAL: Berry 8, — Micovski 5 Uscic 46th — 6), Forester 7, Gagic 6, Coldarevic 6, — Pahor 7, Marco 6, Zivkovic 6, — Rodas 6, (Morsello 80th), Thamides 6, Tanovski 7.

WARRINGAH NARABEEN: Dean P. 7, Sorge 7, Rylands 7, Garrett 8, Earl 7, — Griffin 6, Jack 7, Collinge 6, — Bullock 6, McLean 7, Dean 7.

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# name of Valeri's game

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Goalscorers are the stuff that success in soccer is made of. That's why Walter Valeri's transfers since 1977 have amounted to \$38,500. Now back at Inter Monaro for a third time, now 29 years old, he's still scoring goals.

Maybe his flirt with the Socceroos is over but if his present dreams are realistic, he will win the 1984 NSW State League and he'll be back on the NSL stage next year.

If so, he'll probably still be getting his name on the scoring sheet.

Valeri rubbed shoulders, briefly, with many Socceroo honours during Ron Goodford's reign. It was in 1981 that Valeri was called up by Goodford, then captaining an unsuspecting Australian audience with his strange and wonderful brand of coaching.

"I copied a bad ankle injury during a national team training camp and I was out for six weeks. That really was the end of my chances," said Valeri.

"Even now, there are players who should be getting more of a go in the national team.

"Frank Farina's one. He's got tremendous pace and he can finish too. He'll always cause headaches for defenders. If I was in charge of the national side he'd be one of the first names I'd pencil in."

"He's one of the best young forwards I've seen. The best is Seb Giampaolo, and I'm not saying that just because he's a mate of mine. Of all the players I've seen coming through the ranks, he's the one who I thought really would have been a star in the national team. In fact, he could play for Australia now."

"Seb's very skilful, he shields the ball well and turns well, in fact he's got everything a forward needs. But he comes in for a lot of attention from defenders. Players can't hit him early and that's given him a lot of injury problems. I really don't think that he gets enough protection from referees."

"If I was picking the national team I'd have Seb on the left wing, Farina on the right and David Mitchell as centre forward. That probably would be the best young forward line Australia's ever had."

Valeri's short spell in Goodford's squad wasn't his only taste of national team glory. He played, along with Murray Barnes and Joe Senakalis, in Indonesia in 1974 with the Australian under-22s. Eric Worthington was coach and the young side won two games and drew one.

At the time, he was scoring goals for West Woden Juventus in the A.C.T. league.

Born in Griffith in NSW, Valeri started his playing career as an eight year old with club Warwick. When he was 16 he joined Griffith United, which just had entered the A.C.T. league and signed up many promising youngsters from the local area.

Valeri represented the A.C.T. at the national under-16 championships for two years running, before joining West Woden Juventus in 1972. His first shot with Inter Monaro came in 1977 when the club bought him for just \$500.

Inter Monaro scooped the honors pool in the A.C.T. that year and won its way into the NSW State League. Monaro finished 5th in State League in 1978, missing out on a top four finish and a place in the playoffs. It was a spectacular start to Valeri's State League career. He finished



Walter Valeri in action for APFA.

ished second top scorer, with 18 goals, to Attila Abonyi, who notched 21 goals.

Monaro and Valeri were more successful in 1979. Monaro finished second in the league and beat Sutherland 2-1 in the Grand Final. Valeri's 28 goals put him on top of the scorers' list.

Canberra Arrows were on the look-out for scoring talent after finishing a dismal 12th in the 14-team National League in 1979. The Arrows didn't have to look far. They bought Valeri and Giampaolo from Inter Monaro for \$40,000.

Valeri was at Canberra for two seasons. His coaches there were Vic Fernandez, recently appointed coach at Inter Monaro, John Brown and George Murray.

George Murray took over in 1981. He's a very, very good coach. His sessions were great, in fact, you were keen to train under George."

The following year Valeri and Canberra were at log-headers.

"My contract was up but the club had an option on me. I pointed out that to exercise that option, they had to at least offer me the same money I got in 1981, but they offered me \$1,500 less."

"I was Canberra's top scorer in 1981 and I also had made the national squad. I asked for \$500 more than I'd made in 1981. I thought that that was fair, but they knocked me back."

"We ended up haggling over money. I got sick of the whole business and even though I wanted to keep playing in the National League, in a way I was happy that the whole situation was ended when Inter Monaro bought me for \$10,000."

But Monaro had a disastrous year in 1982, finishing third last in the NSW State League.

"I didn't have any problem setting in at Inter Monaro but the club was undergoing a major upheaval. It had amalgamated with West Woden Juventus but the amalgamation fell through half way through the season. Put it down to politics, I guess. I used to hear the Juventus fans say they couldn't be bothered watching us because Inter Monaro players were in the side. Then I'd hear the Monaro fans saying they couldn't be bothered watching us because there were Juventus players in the side."

"I was really disappointed at what happened. I decided to get away from it all and I signed with APFA for the 1983 season."

When Canberra sold Valeri back to Inter Monaro for \$10,000 it was on a split payment basis. Monaro agreed to pay Canberra \$4,000 in 1982 and \$6,000 in 1983. So when APFA bought Valeri, it only paid \$6,000 for him, the outstanding payment on the transfer deal between Monaro and Canberra.

But injuries and a loss of form did little to enhance Valeri's reputation as a goalscorer last season.

Inter Monaro paid APFA \$15,000 earlier this year, for Valeri, Giampaolo and Billy Willox. Inter's other acquisitions in 1984 have been Tony Brennan, Angelo Ambrosino, Isaac Farrell and former Socceroo great Harry Williams.

# win title says Tront

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

He speaks Polish with a Scottish accent, plays pool for hundreds of dollars, could have been at Glasgow Celtic but for a punch-up with a school prefect, and still is waiting to be officially notified of his axing from the Victorian state squad in 1981.

Joe Tront is confident that Polonia will win the Victorian State League this year.

He's not so confident about Croynod's chances of ever making the big time; still wonders why Tom Bailey, then president of Mooroolbark, was "stabbed in the back by a couple of committeemen" in the 1970's, and still poke into the Bayswater Hotel now and again, "even though the action on the pool tables has died down."

One thing's certain. Tront won't be bringing good players here from overseas. Not anymore.

"I've learned my lesson," he said.

"I joined Croynod in 1978 when they were in the Metro First Division. They approached me to get players for them from overseas. As a result of their approach they were able to bring Duncan Smith, Jimmy Spinks and Dave Brogan over. The whole thing hinged on Croynod bringing the players and their wives over and getting the players jobs but Croynod reneged on the deal after the players were over here. It was very embarrassing for me. It did nothing for my credibility."

"I stuck my neck out for these players. I was fighting for them and for my own credibility. Croynod branded me as a trouble maker. That's why I was glad to get away to Melbourne Croatia in 1980."

Tront was born in Katowice in southern Poland. His father was Polish, his mother Scottish. His first eight years were spent in Poland, then the Tront family moved to Dundee in Scotland. Tront has five sisters and one brother.

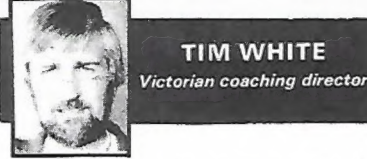
It was something of a homecoming then, when Tront signed with Polonia from Ringwood Wilhelmia for \$3,000 early last year.

"Yes, I suppose you could say that I've always had a soft spot for Polonia."

At under-16 level, Tront played with St Francis Boys Club along with Derek Johnstone of Rangers, Chelsea and Scotland fame. Ian Britton, who made his mark with Chelsea; Frank Campbell, who played with Celtic and Larry Blyth, who played for New Zealand in the early 1970's.

"I was having a drink with Frank Campbell when he had gone to Celtic. He told me that Jack Stein had been interested in me. It was around about the time when the schoolboy forms came in and Stein had to ring my headmaster at Lawside Academy to get a report on me. Apparently the headmaster gave me a bad report because I'd had a fight with a prefect."

Tront joined Raith Rovers in the Scottish Second Division. Later he had a spell in junior football. A very successful stint. He was selected for the Scotland juniors to play against England in a centenary match. But by the time that game was played he had joined the Forth Athletic and was ineligible to play for the Scotland juniors.



TIM WHITE  
Victorian coaching director

Much has been said and written about the World Soccer Series which I'm sure most people enjoyed in recent weeks.

Many questions were raised at the outset of the series, regarding its viability, choices of venues, the concept of Australia having "A" and "B" squads and, of course, the disruption of the domestic programme.

The series offered an opportunity for the national coach to begin his preparation of the national squad for its assault on the qualifying rounds for the 1986 World Cup.

Certainly, the opposition in the World Cup qualifying rounds will be different to the teams which have recently played Australia. However, notwithstanding the opposition, the series provided Australia with valuable experience in blending together its own teams and I'm sure Frank Arkol learned much about the tactics that are most suited to his players.

It was noticeable during the series that when he made changes to his starting line-ups that it was due to more than just giving players in the squad a run.

Changes were made with varying tactics in mind and an opportunity was taken by the coach to assess the areas in which we were strongest.

A similar story was evident with the "B" squad and several players in this squad made definite inroads into possible selections in the final World Cup squad.

Players attitudes are a vital part of their overall make-up and can affect their performances in each game. Circumstances play a part in moulding their attitudes for each game and this was evident in this recent series.

For example, the games between Manchester Utd and Juventus and Manchester Utd and Nottingham Forest certainly lacked the bite and commitment which was very much in evidence when Australia played.

It appeared to me that the European players approached the games with a view to providing an exhibition.

This is not difficult to understand, when one considers the long season which each of them have just completed.

However, when the European teams played Australia, their attitude was generally changed in the first 15 minutes of the game when they realised they were playing a team which was performing for more than just national pride.

The Australian players had a few points to prove to their more illustrious opponents but also was playing for his place in the World Cup squad.

As a result, the games which had Australia participating provided all the drama and excitement as well as good football and good team and individual performances from the Australian players.

I am not suggesting that the other games were meaningless or in fact not even entertaining. There was something to be learned and enjoyed from every game.

The game between Manchester Utd and Juventus was the subject of severe criticism from the Sydney-based journalists. I watched that game on television and enjoyed it very much.

True, the game lacked commitment but a great respect from one professional for another was very evident and both teams attempted to entertain in their own style.

ber the names of the players he'd selected in the team. Tront spent three seasons with Forth before coming to Australia, at the recommendation of John Gardiner, to join Mooroolbark in 1976.

The Barkers were in the Victorian State League then. The following year they were a founder member of the National League but in-fighting split the club and their financial demise saw them last just one season in the NSL.

Tom Bailey was president of Mooroolbark when Tront joined.

"Tom was a really good operator. He got stabbed in the back at Mooroolbark and there was a lot of backbiting among committeemen. He was a sad loss to soccer as far as I'm concerned. Tom gave me a lot of good advice and I'm very, very grateful to him."

Mooroolbark couldn't guarantee Tront's contract money in 1977. Heidelberg, Footscray JUST and Sydney City Hakoah all wanted to sign him. Heidelberg won out and Tront left Mooroolbark for \$8,000.

Tront made his first appearance for Victoria in 1977, in a 2-0 win over South Australia at Olympic Park. His debut was couched in controversy.

"It was the only NSL player playing that day. The NSL had banned its players from taking part in the match but I wanted to play for Victoria, so I did. I was threatened with a fine but the VSF backed me and no action was taken against me."

Tront made nine appearances for Victoria from 1977 to 1981, when he was dropped from the squad.

"I read about being dropped from the squad in the newspapers. No-one bothered to officially notify me."

But back to Heidelberg.

"I was only there for a year. I left because I wasn't getting my game. When I went there the side had hit a winning spell and I was on the bench for about three months. I lost confidence, form and match fitness. When I asked for a move, Heidelberg put \$14,000 on my head. I had to stand out for the game for three months but the figure eventually came down to \$5,000."

"I suppose it was strange going from the National League to Croynod in the Metro First Division in 1978. I was advised not to do it by a lot of friends. Melbourne Croatia, Preston and George Cross all had come in for me but I really thought that Croynod had a lot of potential. I was wrong. Look at where they are now and look at the players who have gone through the club. If they'd have been managed better they easily could have been in the National League right now."

Croynod won the First Division championship in 1978 and finished fourth in State League in 1979. But Tront's hassle with the committee over bringing players from overseas had soured his stay there. Melbourne Croatia bought him for \$5,000.

"The Croatia team I played with in 1980 probably was the best team I've been with in Australia so far. We won everything bar the championship."

"But the following season was terrible. Croatia had five coaches that year - Rocco Ilic, Len McKendry, Pat Bannon, Fred Bunce and Dije Zemanik. I didn't have a good season. I was put on the list at the end of the year, along with about six or seven other players."

Tront was owed \$500 at the end of the 1981 season, the balance of his signing-on fee from Croatia. He played in a five-a-side tournament in November at Monash University. Croynod fined him \$500 and claimed that he'd breached his contract.

Doveton, Morwell and Ringwood Wilhelmia all tried to sign Tront in 1982. He chose Wilhelmia.

But Wilhelmia limped into 11th place in the 14-team State League that year. Mike Lynn was appointed coach of Polonia for the 1983 season and contacted Tront, who joined the Polish club. Lynn was sacked later that season.

Gardiner was appointed coach of Polonia this year.

Tront is well known in Victorian circles for more than his soccer ability.

"I was introduced to the Bayswater Hotel when I first arrived in Australia. I fancy a bit of snooker and pool and I remember one day playing a game for \$1,100 in the public bar there. Only \$300 of it was mine, the rest was put up by the locals. I was playing this hustler. I won. I haven't seen him down there since."

# A super series ends and 'Roos walk tall

Technically, the game was excellent with some fine individual performances. Frank Worthington, though not breaking into a sweat, provided some very skilful and entertaining moments.

One particular swivel and shot at goal when surrounded by defenders, by Worthington in that game, was world class.

Had it been performed by Paulo Rossi down the other end, it would have made headlines in the papers the next day!

On that same night, Antonio Cabrini showed what a class player he is, which makes it such a pity that he resorted to violence in later games which ultimately earned him a sending off against Australia.

Later games between Australia and Juventus provided some excellent entertainment as well as incident. A superb atmosphere at the MCG with a big crowd, provided the scene for an excellent day's entertainment.

The non-sensuous approach of the Australian teams injected new life into the Juventus players and an immediate change in players' attitudes was evident.

Referee Johnston was singled out for criticism when he did not punish goalkeeper Tacconi for his indiscretions against Marshall Soper.

I'm sure the referee had the spectacle for the paying customers in mind when he refused to reduce Juventus to 10 men. I felt it was understandable at the time, but on reflection and being wise after three games, perhaps strong action by the referee then would have prevented some of the other ugly incidents which took place in that and following games.

Make no mistake that players, especially experienced campaigners, will play on any weaknesses shown by officials and take advantage for as long as they can get away with it.

The last game between Australia and Juventus in Sydney was marred by some very bad fouls and let's be honest, Juventus players were the main perpetrators of the offences.

The problems in this game could have been nipped in the bud if referee Lorenc, who showed great courage later, had punished Tardelli severely for a very cynical, over-the-ball tackle on Soper.

This tackle was the work of a very experienced campaigner who ran his studs down the shin of the Australian player.

There is no room in this game for tackles of this sort. Strangely enough, a number of onlookers would make more fuss about the foul on Favina when he was dragged back near the end of the game.

I don't condone that type of foul, but it is far less serious than a cynical tackle which could end the career of a player.

With respect to referees, I feel that the type of tackle from Tardelli on Soper must attract the ultimate punishment immediately!

Unfortunately, the game suffered when Juventus was reduced to 10 men but nothing should be taken from the victory achieved by Australia. Before the sending off, they were deservedly in the lead and after it, they completely dominated the game and with better finishing could have sent a soccer scare around the world which would have produced shockwaves in other countries.

Overall, the series provided a lot of excitement and talking points and the people behind the scenes who organised all the games should be congratulated.

I'm sure Frank Arkol's men will go on from here and hopefully they will get the support they deserve in future games.

# Leg-break prevented McAdams send-off

By PAUL JAMES

Referees generally are barely tolerated within the soccer fraternity. "We're a necessary evil," they say.

They often are the butt of unwarranted and unnecessary criticism, which would shatter the confidence of any lesser creature, but which bounces off referees like water rolling off a duck's back.

Through all this they retain an impressive passion for soccer, appreciating that subtle nuances of the game and able to enthuse as much as any journalist.

And while past and present coaches, players and officials have been heaping unjustified praise on the current Socceroo squad, the referees have not been slow to pat the team on the back as well.

One of Sydney's leading referees, Doug Rennie, who controlled the Australia-Glasgow Rangers match in Sydney, won 3-2 by Australia, and one of the greatest referees Australia has produced, Tony Boskovic, both expressed surprise and delight at the soccer team.

"The team is more competitive than teams I can remember in the past," Rennie said.

"I was very impressed with their willingness to attack. It's good news for the game here," was Boskovic's comments.

"What is more pleasing for referees is that certain members of the team are starting to show signs of keeping their cool, accepting decisions instead of playing to the crowd, and channeling their aggression into attacking football," Rennie said.

He said he felt a certain amount of this was due to national coach Frank Arkol who had drummed into his players that they could not afford to punish their side by being sent off.

"The team looked composed and confident and was never overawed," Rennie said.

"What I liked most of all was that they tried to score

goals. There was an eagerness you could feel when they went forward.

"In the past - and I don't mean this with any disrespect - you've never felt as if the Australian team could score."

"Now it's a whole new ball game."

Rennie said he'd seen the 'B' team only on television, but it was obvious to him the 'A' and 'B' tags really were applicable.

"Eddie Thomson's done a tremendous job with the squad at his disposal, but I don't think anyone would argue nuances of the game and be more entertaining," he said.

Rennie said he had thoroughly enjoyed refereeing the Australia-Rangers match at the MCG.

"I can honestly say that for 90 minutes both teams had only one thing on their minds - to score goals."

Both sets of players were commended to that.

He said there had been some controversy surrounding the incident when Rangers played Colin McAdams broke his leg in a tackle against Mitchell.

"There were some suggestions that the Rangers player should have been sent off," Rennie said.

"A few of the Australian players rushed to me and said: 'Did you see that ref? He should be off.'"

"But then we saw the fellow lying on the ground and he was turning grey. His leg was broken in two places and he must have been in tremendous pain."

"I have to admit that I was in two minds at first to send him off."

"But after seeing him there, and the fact that it was a friendly, I thought he'd been punished enough and had punished his team enough by forcing a tactical substitution."

"After the Australian players saw him they all fell silent. They were probably thinking, 'Well, that could be me.'"

Rennie said after the match, however, several Rangers players went up to him and

congratulated him with comments of "Magic Game, Ref", something that pleased him immensely.

He said he was pleased with the attitude of players towards rules, but had noticed two big headaches creep cropping up during the series.

Probably the two biggest problems facing referees are enforcing the nine metre rule at freekicks and 'cribbing' at throw-ins," he said.

"I noticed especially during the Juventus games that players moved quite a bit along the side-line during throw-ins."

He said there had been several attempts to eliminate problems at throw-ins, including a move by the English FA that when a player gained ground the referee was to award a throw-in to the other side.

"We've also had huge problems with free-kicks, with defenders encroaching within nine metres before the ball has been kicked."

"During the Australia-Juventus match in Sydney, Richard Lorenc cautioned one player (Charlie Yankos) in the Australian 'wall' who repeatedly encroached within the nine metres."

"If that player had repeated the offence he would have been sent off," Rennie said.

He said the only way for referees to prevail at freekicks was for referees to enforce the law to the limit.

"At a freekick, the team that has been signed against in the first place shouldn't be further penalised by allowing defensive walls to encroach," he said.

"Otherwise the whole reason for giving the freekick has been lost."

Rennie, who started refereeing in 1965, said the referees' associations was always interested in new members.

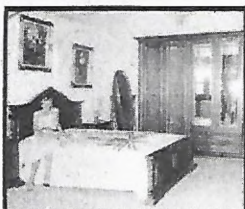
"Getting enough referees is always a problem," he said.

But getting enough people of the right temperament is an even greater problem.

"You've got to love the game, take the abuse and have the guts to back your decision."

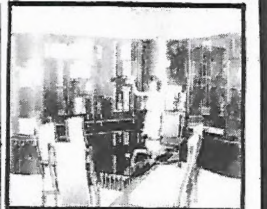
"It's not easy, but referees really love the game," he said.





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# Torniamo alla realtà del calcio australiano

**Con la ripresa del campionato australiano di Lega Nazionale, l'attenzione di tutti è tornata sulla scena di casa, ed il torneo internazionale, conclusosi con la partita della nazionale vedeoro contro la squadra dell'Iraklis, è stato archiviato ad uso e consumo dei dirigenti della Federcalcio Australiana e dei suoi tecnici che dovranno trarne le dovute conclusioni e gli utilissimi insegnamenti.**

Quello che i tifosi hanno ricavato dal torneo internazionale è indubbio: di natura molto soggettiva e quindi ognuno ha formato delle impressioni, ha avuto delle soddisfazioni e delle delusioni, ha avuto delle delusioni e delle soddisfazioni parziali o totali. Proprio perché ognuno può vederlo a modo suo il calcio è lo sport appassionante che tutti sappiamo.

A livello di Federcalcio e

promozionale il torneo va visto però con una freddezza che dovrebbe esulare da qualsiasi entusiasmo (o delusione) personale e immediato.

Innanzitutto bisogna tener presente che la Federcalcio Australiana ha, con questo torneo, iniziato la campagna per la qualificazione ai prossimi campionati mondiali del Messico. Per cominciare aveva dato il benvenuto all'allenatore Les Scheinflug, che era subentrato al responsabile dell'ultimo "Fallimento" mondiale, il tedesco Rudy Gutendorf.

Il timone della navigazione australiana era stato così affidato a Frank Arok, un tecnico che aveva avuto un ottimo passato in Jugoslavia e che da anni operava in Australia con successo. Inoltre Arok, secondo quanto è stato possibile intravedere durante le schermaglie precedenti alla sua assunzione, godeva fama di essere più capace di impostare la nazionale australiana per fronteggiare con migliori possibilità di successo squadre europee (il biglietto per il Messico i vedeoro se lo dovranno guadagnare contro una squadra europea).

Il torneo internazionale, perciò, aveva come scopo quello di dare al "soccerero" la possibilità di misurarsi con tre diverse scuole europee: quella inglese-scotese, quella italiana e quella greca.

Oltre a tale importante esperienza, Arok doveva offrire alla moltitudine di giocatori australiani di un certo livello (e di diverse scuole) l'opportunità di dare una chiara indicazione del loro rendimento sotto pressione e contro avversari difficili per tanti motivi (eccezione fatta, forse, per un impegno che non poteva essere lo spumino). Il tecnico australiano ha perciò messo assieme due formazioni nazionali che hanno giocato come due squadre diverse ed hanno anche scambiato alcuni giocatori a seconda delle circostanze o perché Arok decideva di volta in volta di promuovere o demuovere alcuni di loro.

Questo sistema ha indubbiamente avuto degli ottimi risultati perché da una rosa tanto vasta è stato possibile poter osservare dei giocatori giovanissimi (Parina, McCulloch, Franken, ecc.) che normalmente non sarebbero stati inclusi in una formazione nazionale; o giocatori che pur non essendo dotati di classe eccelsa, possono essere utili alla manovra di squadra per prestanza atletica, tenuta, combattività (Miranda, O'Connor, ecc.).

Per ultimo, e forse più importante, il "soccerero" dovevano fare risultati. Nel calcio sono i risultati che contano, anche se qualche purista ancora insiste che il be gioco non dovrebbe essere sacrificato all'altare del risultato a tutti i costi.

Ma siamo onesti, una nazionale australiana che cominciava la lunga avventura della qualificazione ai campionati mondiali e avesse perso quasi tutte le partite con risultati negativi, che speranza avrebbe avuto di giustificare le molte centinaia di migliaia di dollari necessarie per tale campagna?

Ed un nuovo allenatore che avesse perso in modo piuttosto plateale, che speranza avrebbe avuto di mantenere il suo posto e continuare perciò a mettere in atto un programma di ringiovanimento e di adeguamento?

E la stampa, la radio e la televisione come avrebbero potuto impegnarsi a dare il necessario risalto per gli anni futuri ad una squadra nazionale che avrebbe mostrato di tanta inferiorità?

L'Australia calcistica di oggi, e di ieri, non può aspirare a battere formazioni internazionali all'insegna del bel gioco. Se cercasse di farlo sarebbe travolta, morta e sepolta in una valanga di reti. Allo stesso tempo non può nemmeno fare da "punching bag" a queste formazioni che vengono in Australia, senza alcun incentivo di impegnarsi al massimo delle loro forze e delle loro doti tecniche, e lasciare che i grandi nomi del calcio mondiale si abizzarriscano con i loro virtuosismi. Chiedere che mastini del calcio di O'Connor e Ratcliffe si fossero scatenati ogni volta Paolo Rossi riceveva la

palla per permettergli di far vedere alla platea come si segnano i goal è assurdo.

Naturalmente nessuno può condannare il gioco duro che ha caratterizzato questo torneo internazionale. Ma le scorrettezze sono state reciproche ed è difficile giudicare chi abbia cominciato prima; anche se è pacifico che le "scorrettezze australiane" mancavano di esperienza ed erano quasi sempre notate, mentre le "scorrettezze europee" erano molto più "raffinate" e molto spesso passavano inosservate a causa della magistrale esecuzione.

Noi pensiamo che molti degli obiettivi che questo torneo si era prefisso erano validi e sono stati raggiunti egregiamente. Bisogna vedere ora come la Federcalcio e l'allenatore nazionale metteranno a buon uso le positive indicazioni, senza esaltarsi del relativo successo ottenuto in campo e senza farsi più illusioni sulla validità del calcio australiano in un torneo internazionale in cui tutte le squadre partecipanti avranno lo stesso stimolo e gli stessi interessi di vincere a tutti i costi.

Dal punto di vista organizzativo, un fatto in cui la Federcalcio ha un ruolo che potrebbe essere definito di prestanome poiché l'apparato imprenditoriale del torneo è di competenza della ditta sponsorizzatrice del calcio australiano, bisogna rilevare che lo spiegamento di squadre è stato imponente, forse anche troppo.

Cinque grandi squadre europee e due nazionali australiane che si ricorrevano da un capo all'altro dell'Australia giocando un'infinita di partite del calcio australiano, bisogna rilevare che lo spiegamento di squadre è stato imponente, forse anche troppo.

Cinque grandi squadre europee e due nazionali australiane che si ricorrevano da un capo all'altro dell'Australia giocando un'infinita di partite nel breve spazio di quattro settimane, hanno finito per stancare un po' tutti.

A Melbourne in modo particolare, lo spostamento delle partite sul campo dell'enorme M.C.G. non si è rivelato giustificato dall'afflusso di pubblico. A parte la partita Australia-Juventus, tutte le altre avrebbero potuto benissimo essere giocate all'Olympic Park dove gli spettatori possono seguire il gioco ad una distanza molto più ravvicinata ed in un ambiente più comodo perché più familiare. E' un conto dire che il M.C.G. ha più gabinetti e più bar, quando alla resa dei conti lo spettatore occasionale non riesce nemmeno a trovare il suo posto e una volta trovato, si guarda bene dall'avventurarsi nuovamente su e giù per le interminabili scalinate alla ricerca di un gabinetto o di un bar.

Inneggiate vaneggiando del M.C.G. è stato lo schermo gigante per vedere la partita mentre si svolgeva: meno male, altrimenti avremmo potuto vedere soltanto 22 netti irrisconoscibili correre da una parte all'altra della fetta di prato verde adibita a campo di calcio.

Anche qui c'è una lezione da imparare con il senno di poi. Ovviamente gli organizzatori si aspettavano molto più pubblico di quello che in effetti è andato alle partite. La prossima volta sapranno almeno tante partite in così poco tempo non possono attirare le decine di migliaia di spettatori

che renderebbero troppo piccolo l'Olympic Park.

Forse un'altra lezione che gli organizzatori dovranno imparare è che le squadre inglesi e scozzesi non hanno un grande richiamo al pubblico locale. Ad occhio e croce la Juventus e l'Iraklis hanno portato sugli spalti più della metà del pubblico pagante.

Poiché il torneo di quest'anno è stato, tutto sommato positivo, c'è da augurarsi che il torneo del prossimo anno sarà più breve, con meno squadre e giocato su campi più adatti al calcio. Una squadra inglese ci starebbe sempre bene, forse anche una scozzese, ma è ovvio che le squadre italiane e greche sono quelle che possiedono maggiore garanzie di pubblico.

## LEGA NAZIONALE

La ripresa del campionato di Lega Nazionale è stato alquanto deludente: siadial punto di vista del gioco che dall'entusiasmo degli spettatori. In il pubblico ha pubblicato ha pensato di prendersi un'altra settimana di vacanza oppure non si è addirittura accorto che ormai il campionato locale stava iniziando di nuovo; i giocatori che avevano preso parte al torneo internazionale erano stanchi, o addirittura infortunati; i giocatori che erano rimasti inattivi per alcune settimane hanno accusato un certo calo di forma e di tenuta di gioco; incerto nervosismo è apparso evidente e gli arbitri hanno o a ragione, sventolato diversi cartellini gialli e rossi, anche due allenatori, Margaritis della Juventus di Melbourne e Wallace del Penrith, sono stati "espulsi" dalla panchina.

Per l'occasione si giocava l'intra conference challenge round" e tutte le squadre hanno avuto partite difficili perché opposte ad avversarie che occupavano il prossimo posto in classifica.

A Melbourne le due capoliste Heidelberg e Juventus sono così affrontate nuovamente dopo poco più di un mese dall'ultima normale incontro del girone d'andata. Quella volta, alla presenza di circa 9.000 spettatori, l'Heidelberg aveva dimostrato una certa superiorità e sembrava dovesse vincere l'incontro che invece la Juventus riuscì ad aggiudicarsi grazie a due retsegnate in zona Cesarini.

Questa volta le cose sono andate ben diversamente. Per cominciare gli spettatori erano circa metà rispetto all'incontro precedente; la Juventus ha poi giocato abbastanza bene da meritare un pareggio e forse anche la vittoria prendendo in considerazione la mole di gioco e le occasioni di reti del bianconero. Peccato che la prima linea della Juventus non riesce più a segnare nemmeno a porta vuota.

Così, dopo tantotempo la Juventus perde il primato in classifica ma rimane in onorevolissimo secondo posto che sarebbe stato impensabile all'inizio di stagione. La prossima settimana l'attende il temibile Croatia sul campo di casa dell'Olympic Park. Per l'occasione la Juventus sarà nuovamente senza Dowle che si è fatto espellere durante la partita di domenica scorsa per una plateale scorrettezza assolutamente necessaria. In compenso potrebbe rientrare Paul Drinocky. L'esito della partita è quantomai

incerto perché la Juventus, anche se sconfitta dall'Heidelberg, gioca sempre su migliori partite contro la Croatia ed una vittoria del bianconero non è da escludere a priori anche se al momento tutto sembra andare a gonfie vele per i croati.

D'altra parte tutte le "grandi" del girone avranno vita difficile perché ci saranno gli sconosciuti diretti fra Heidelberg e South Melbourne Hellas, mentre il Preston non avrà vitaficile contro il Footscray JUST.

A Sydney il Marconi ha ricominciato con una vittoria sui Penrith, mentre l'Apia ha colto un meritorio punto sul campo del Sydney Olympic.

La Juventus di Adelaide, dopo un periodo abbastanza positivo, ha ammainato bandiera per il primo scarto nel derby con il Brisbane City.

## LEGA STATALE

Il Fawcner ha accusato una improvvisa battuta d'arresto contro il Box Hill sul campo di casa di Jukes Road e si trova ora nella scomoda posizione di dover ripartire il primato in classifica con la Polonia e l'Estrella Box Hill, con il Morwell solo a un punto lontano. Dietro queste quattro c'è un po' un baratro con il quattro anni discosto che il Western Suburbs accusa sui Falcons.

Molto affollata anche la vetta della classifica del Lega Statale del N.S.W. dove Manly, Monaro e Rockdale condividono il primato a quota 19 punti.

## LEGHE MINORI

Nella prima divisione della Lega Meropolitana del Victoria il Thomastown l'ha spuntato contro il Moreland e continua a condividere il primato in classifica con lo Springvale City a tre punti di vantaggio dal North Dandenong e ben cinque dal Melbourne che è in quarta posizione.

Nelle terza divisione la Triestina ha perso nuovamente, questa volta contro il Corio, mentre il Veneto Bulleen ha fatto registrare un'altra vittoria contro il Geelong e sta pian piano risalendo la classifica.

In quarta divisione l'East Brunswick Abruzzo non è andato più in là di un pareggio con il Lallor e continua a mantenersi interza posizione dietro un Yarraville che ha subito una inaspettata sconfitta dal Clifton Hill, e lo Springvale United.

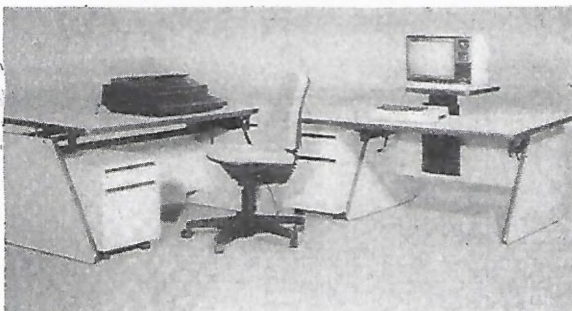
Nella seconda divisione della Provisional League il Regent ha colto una netta vittoria sul modesto Fitzroy (3-0) ed ha così rosciolato un altro punto alla capolista Abbotstford che ha pareggiato contro la Melbourne University; ora il Regent è pronto a riempire il vuoto di un punto che la separa dalla vetta.

Ma la squadra italiana del momento sembra proprio essere il Dallas City di Torino che ha battuto il Dinglewood. Ora la squadra della Federazione Lucana ha raggiunto il primato in classifica che condivide con Hamilton Wanderers, Seaford United e North Sunshine.

Nella quarta divisione altra bella vittoria del Westall che batendo l'Ascot Vale City ha ulteriormente distanziato questa che la insegue in seconda posizione della classifica.

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# TOP NATIONAL LEAGUE SOCCER, THIS SUNDAY JULY 1



## AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE



Jim Murray  
(CANBERRA)

**CANBERRA ARROWS**  
v  
**NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD**  
International Sports Centre  
k.o 3 pm

Previous NSL Results Canberra 4 wins  
Newcastle 7 wins 1 draw

**MARCONI**  
v  
**SYDNEY CROATIA**  
Marconi Stadium  
k.o 3 pm

No previous NSL results



Drago Tomasich  
(SYD. CROATIA)



Steve O'Connor  
(SYDNEY CITY)

**MELITA EAGLES**  
v  
**SYDNEY CITY**  
Melita Stadium  
k.o 3 pm

No previous NSL results

**PENRITH**  
v  
**BLACKTOWN CITY**  
Cook Park  
k.o 3.15 pm

No previous NSL results



Stuart Schwegel  
(BLACKTOWN)



Marshall Saper  
(SYD. OLYMPIC)

**ST. GEORGE**  
v  
**SYDNEY OLYMPIC**  
St. George Stadium  
k.o 3 pm

Previous NSL results St George 4 wins Sydney  
Olympic 5 wins 1 draw.

**WOLLONGONG**  
v  
**LEICHHARDT**  
Towradgi  
k.o 3 pm

Previous NSL results Wollongong 3 wins Leich-  
hardt 4 wins.



Terry Butler  
(LEICHHARDT)

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE



Joe Mullen  
(ADELAIDE CITY)

**ADELAIDE CITY**  
v  
**WEST ADELAIDE**  
Olympic Sports Field  
k.o 2.30 pm

Previous NSL results Adelaide City 9 wins  
W. Adelaide 2 wins 2 draws.

**BRISBANE LIONS**  
v  
**BRISBANE CITY**  
Richlands 3 pm

Previous NSL results Lions 7 wins City 5 wins 4  
draws



Danny Wilson  
(BRISBANE LIONS)



Andrew Zinn  
(JUVENTUS)

**JUVENTUS**  
v  
**MELBOURNE CROATIA**  
Olympic Park No. 2

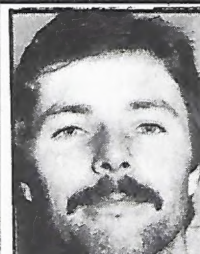
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**FOOTSCRAY**  
v  
**PRESTON**  
Schintler Reserve  
k.o 3 pm

Previous NSL results Footscray 1 win Preston 5  
wins 1 draw



Con Opasins  
(PRESTON)



Gerry Bennett  
(SUN. GEORGE X)

**GREEN GULLY**  
v  
**SUNSHINE  
GEORGE CROSS**  
Gully Reserve  
k.o 3 pm

Previous NSL result 1 draw

**HEIDELBERG**  
v  
**SOUTH MELBOURNE**  
Olympic Village  
k.o 3 pm

Previous NSL results Heidelberg 10 wins S. Mel-  
bourne 4 wins 5 draws.



Charlie Yankos  
(HEIDELBERG)